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U.S. report blasts Soviet rights record

By DAVID FRIEDMAN

WASHINGTON (JTA) — The compliance by the Soviet Union and the East European countries with the human rights provisions of the Helsinki Accords remains "seriously flawed," state department spokesman Charles Redman said last week. Redman gave this assessment as the state department released the 21st semi-annual report on Implementation of the Helsinki Final Act.

The report, which covers the period April 1-Oct. 1, 1986, was submitted to Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, chairman of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, which monitors compliance with the accord.

"The overall record of compliance of the Warsaw Pact nations with their CSCE (Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe) commitments remained seriously flawed," the report stated. "Although some positive steps were taken by these governments, the status of implementation over the current reporting period did not change significantly from earlier periods."

The report listed as positive steps the emigration of Anatoly Scharansky's mother and brother to Israel and a decision to allow the emigration to the United States of 65 divided families. "By the end of the reporting period, however, roughly half of these had not yet received their exit documentation," it was noted.

Specifically dealing with the issue of Soviet Jews, the report declares that they "have suffered particularly severe treatment over the last several years with arrests, trials and convictions of many Jews, especially those who actively pursue their own religious and cultural traditions.

"Moscow Hebrew teacher Aleksei Magarik, who was arrested in March at Tbilisi Airport allegedly in possession of hashish, was sentenced on June 9 to three years in a labor camp.

"Moscow Hebrew teacher and labor camp inmate Yuliy Edelshtein, who suffered a broken leg and torn urethra in a February fall, and who had long been refused treatment in a regular hospital, was finally operated on in July and is slowly recovering.

"Moscow Hebrew teacher Iosif Begun has been denied visits by his wife and son for more than one year, and the authorities refuse to forward his letters to his family.

"Leningrad Hebrew teacher Vladimir Lifshits, who was sentenced to three years in a labor camp for 'anti-Soviet slander' has suffered a serious deterioration in his health due to harsh prison conditions."

During the six months covered by the report no other Hebrew teachers were arrested. But the report notes that information is "beginning to surface of a crackdown on several Jewish activists in the Ukrainian city of Cherkassy. A ritual bath (mikva) in Moscow's Mariana Rosha Synagogue was reportedly destroyed by the Soviet authorities on Sept. 9."

The report said that Jewish Refuseniks continue to be harassed. Leningrad Refuseniks Boris and Margarita Yelkin and Yevgeniy Leyn were detained by the militia for several hours after a reception at the (U.S.) consulate in July, the report said.

"Six other Leningrad Jews were detained in April while on their way to a private exhibition of Jewish art. Periodic interruption of telephone service, occasional house arrest and fre-

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Attempt to curb unrest

Old City protests banned

TEL AVIV (JTA) — The police have banned all protest marches and demonstrations inside Jerusalem's Old City to avoid a repetition of the disorders that followed the fatal stabbing of yeshiva student Eliahu Amdi by Arabs in the Old City Nov. 15.

The ban, which applies to Jews and Arabs alike, was denounced by both leftist and rightwing elements.

It was ordered by police chief David Kraus, who said that funeral processions would henceforth be restricted to the cemetery grounds. He noted that Amdi's funeral last month became the occasion for acts of physical violence and vandalism against Arabs by Jewish mourners who marched through the Old City streets.

Christmas processions and other public religious observances will be permitted after due notification is given the police, Kraus said. His order was promptly assailed by Gershon Solomon, leader of the Temple Mount Faithful, who frequently demonstrate in the Old City for the right of Jews to pray on the Temple Mount, the site of Islamic shrines. He said the ban was illegal and that he intended to appeal to the Supreme Court on grounds that it denies Jews their historic rights.

MK Geula Cohen of the ultra-nationalist Tehiya Party said the police ban called into question Jewish rights over the entire city of Jerusalem and should be lifted. She charged that the police had overreacted to a hysterical event.

MK Mordechai Virshubski, of the leftist Shinui Party, said the police ban infringed on the democratic right to protest and demonstrate. "It's up to the police to take proper action to prevent unrest, not to impose an undemocratic blanket on all demonstrations," he said.

While violence erupted and passions continued to run high following the recent murder of yeshiva student Eliahu Amdi in the Moslem quarter of Jerusalem's Old City, one yeshiva student is seen embracing an Arab when a group of students from the vicinity came to make a "sulha" or forgiveness ceremony with local Arabs. [IPPA photo]

Israel Supreme Court: ID can't say "convert"

By DAVID LANDAU

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Interior Minister Yitzhak Peretz, who must comply with a Supreme Court ruling to issue a Jewish identification card to a woman converted by a Reform rabbi, or resign, said last week that he would appeal the high court's decision in the case.

A 3-justice panel, headed by Supreme Court President Meir Shamgar ruled unanimously that the interior ministry may not inscribe the word "converted" on the ID card of a convert to Judaism. It acted in the case of Shoshana Miller, who was converted to Judaism in 1982 by Rabbi David Klein, a Reform rabbi in Colorado Springs, Colo. Miller immigrated to Israel in 1985, claiming the automatic citizenship granted every Jew.

Peretz, who heads the Orthodox Shas Party, said in an interview that he would seek a re-hearing of the case before a panel of five justices. The Supreme Court usually agrees to a rehearing on issues considered to be of major public interest. Peretz said this issue has "major ramifications."

He himself has come under attack from other Orthodox rabbis for granting Miller Jewish status on her ID card, even with the qualification "converted." Jutice Menachem Eylon, a member of the panel, stated in an addendum to its decision that the qualifying "converted" was contrary to halacha. Many Orthodox rabbis agree with him on that point but refuse to countenance Jewish status for a person converted by a non-Orthodox rabbi.

Peretz blasted the American Reform rabbi who converted Miller for "misleading" her. "I believe she came with a pure heart and a willing soul to link her life to that of the Jewish people" but "Reform rabbis plunged her into difficulties by converting her un-halachically," Peretz said. "They would have done her a kindness had they directed her to go to a rabbinical court."

As a result of being "led astray," and given the publicity surrounding the case, Miller will never be able to marry in Israel or in an Orthodox synagogue abroad, Peretz said. He said that he would argue at a re-hearing that allowing non-halachic converts to register as Jews in Israel would amend the standing law on marriage and divorce which gives Orthodox rabbinical courts exclusive jurisdiction.

Meanwhile, the Progressive (Reform) movement in Israel said it would follow up its court victory by introducing six more test cases of converts denied registration as Jews.

Rabbi Moshe Zemer of the Progressive Movement hailed the court decision as "a stage in our struggle for recognition and full rights" in Israel.

Miller told reporters after the court ruled in her favor that she had a "most difficult year, a real nightmare," waiting for the decision. "I want to live here as Jew, not as something else," she said.

In addition to its ruling, the court ordered the government to pay 2,500 shekels (about $1,600) in legal expenses.

"Israel never helped Contras"

(Compiled from JTA despatches)

Israeli leaders have voiced strong assurances that Israel had nothing to do with the transfer of funds from American arms sales to Iran to the Contra rebels in Nicaragua. But some Knesset members have persisted in their charges that Israel was involved and assailed Israeli arms sales abroad in general. The sales were defended by Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

Premier Yitzhak Shamir told reporters in Jerusalem that Israel has informed the U.S. government, and hopefully American public opinion, that there was no link between the government of Israel and the Contras.

"Israel has never helped or assisted the Contras in Central America," he said. He hoped that the investigations to be carried out in the U.S. will reach the same conclusion and lay the matter to rest.

Later, the government announced it would agree to any American request to cooperate with investigations into the arms shipments and the diversion of sale proceeds to the Contras.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres categorically denied that Israel reaped financial gains from the resale of American weapons to Iran with the specific approval and at the request of the Reagan administration. He insisted, at a gathering in Pardes Hanna, that if any money paid by Iran reached the Contras, it was without Israel's knowledge.

"Representatives of Israel" were alleged by U.S. Attorney-General Edwin Meese at a White House press conference to have transferred $10-$30 million of the money paid by Iran for the arms to a Swiss bank account maintained by the Contras, the Reagan administration-backed rebels trying to overthrow the Sandinista government of Nicaragua.

President Reagan, who claims he was not informed that Iranian money was going to the Contras, said in an interview with Time Magazine that "another country was facilitating those sales of weapons systems" and "they then were overcharging and were apparently putting the money into bank accounts of the leaders of the Contras."

Reagan did not name the other country. White House Press Secretary Larry Speakes said that Reagan was not implicating Israel because he knew nothing about the secret bank account set up for the Contras in Switzerland.

Meanwhile, MK Chaika Grossman of Mapam charged that Israeli instructors were helping the Contras and Israeli arms dealers were supplying them with weapons. She said she based her information on a recent visit to Nicaragua where she met with Sandinista officials.

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Iran Jewish MP charged with "moral turpitude"

PARIS (JTA) — Iran's only Jewish member of Parliament, Manoucher Kalami Nikruz, has been arrested and charged with "moral turpitude" according to the Teheran English language daily Teheran Times. Papers quoting the Iranian daily say Nikruz, a 40-year-old pharmacist, is being detained in Teheran's central prison in spite of his parliamentary immunity.

Nikruz, who was elected to the Majlis, the Iranian legislative assembly, 2½ years ago, has been charged by the Islamic state prosecutor with "illicit sexual relations." The Teheran daily claims that he had conducted an unspecified number of "illegal sexual relations" with several young women and men employed in the clinic he heads.

Nikruz was elected to the Majlis seat provided by the Iranian constitution for the Jewish community.

There has been no confirmation from other sources to this report.

Jewish numbers may shrink to 6 million, study says

TEL AVIV (JTA) — The world Jewish population is declining rapidly and may be reduced to a total of 6 million within one generation, according to a demographic study presented to the World Zionist Organization executive.

Diaspora Jewry is rapidly dwindling due to intermarriage and a low birth rate, the study found. The Jewish population of Israel is growing slowly because of emigration and a slightly higher birth rate. The birth rate among Jews worldwide is only 1.5 children per family. In Israel it is 2.8 children per family.

But on a global basis this is not enough to sustain equilibrium, the study said. It noted that the Holocaust reduced the number of Jews in the world from 16.5 million before World War II to 10.4 million after the war.

By the end of 1985, the world Jewish population was down to 9.5 million.

The study projects a Jewish population of 9 million by 1990, in the year 2000 and 6 million by 2025.

World-National

LaRouche encounter unnerving

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

An ice storm in Hartford, Connecticut, forced me to reroute my homeward travel, and eventually I found myself facing a long layover in Philadelphia. While exploring the airport I was intrigued by a couple who handed out political literature to passersby.

"Thirty seconds only," he said to me. "Give me thirty seconds of your time to find out how you can help end the arms race." I had the required time, and more. It proved to be quite an experience.

Rabbi Plaut

The man did all the talking. About 40 years old, well dressed, rather good looking with a square jaw and curly, short hair, he showered me with a blitz of words and images that I found hard to follow. Art was mixed with politics, the painter Rafael with George Washington, laser beams with love. He flashed literature before my eyes and informed me that the solution to our major economic problems could be found between the covers of the books which were heaped on a table beside him. His companion said nothing — in any case, she would not have broken into his well rehearsed avalanche of words, worthy of a snake oil salesman of a hundred years ago.

"Get to know us"

"Get to know us and you'll be part of the future," he coaxed.

"And what is your organization?" I finally managed to ask.

"LaRouche," he said, "Lyndon LaRouche, America's next president."

"Well," I commented, "I've heard of him and what I've heard I don't like."

"Really!" he shot back. "That only shows that you've been brainwashed by the media. They're all in the pocket of one group and they are dead afraid of America's savior."

I didn't argue but took some free literature away with me: a well-produced pamphlet entitled The LaRouche Democratic Campaign, and a newspaper New Solidarity.

I remembered how LaRouche and his people had caused Governor Adlai Stevenson Jr.'s downfall in Illinois. They had managed their way onto the Democratic primary ballot and people had voted for them without knowing that they were LaRouche supporters. When Stevenson found out, he declared that he could not run with them and stood as an independent. He lost.

Shadowy group

The case caused a national sensation and brought Lyndon LaRouche into the limelight. He spearheads a shadowy organization with far right ideas. His own source of income is undisclosed. "I have had no source of personal income for more than a dozen years, nor have I incurred any compensated travel expense; therefore I have no tax obligation. I have been under more or less constant assassination threat since 1973, and, for security reasons, have been unable to meet the minimal requirements for employment. I have lived as the guest of friends in various countries."

In the 40s and 50s he was associated with Trotskyite left-wing radicals and used a cover name — all of course for a good purpose.

He peddles the thesis that the United States is the victim of an internal and international cabal, tied to the invisible Trilateral Commission, whose major goal is to subvert the free world. George Shultz and Henry Kissinger are part of the plot. LaRouche sees everything as a combination plot of Soviet intelligence, drug dealers, and the liberal press. He denounced the film The Holocaust "because it suppressed some of the most important facts in which the Nazis killed those Jews in concentration camps and the Nazis' policy which led to such mass murders." He goes on to say that a "drug-lobbyist" invented the story that he, LaRouche, had denied the reality of the Holocaust.

He gives me the creeps.

Contra scheme splatters Israel

By
WOLF BLITZER

WASHINGTON —

The mood in Washington is ugly. Another President is in deep trouble. There are many reminders of Watergate.

A hungry Washington press corps is again searching for evidence of criminal behavior on the part of high U.S. officials. Careers were established during Watergate; the same might happen today.

President Ronald Reagan's personal popularity has slipped badly over the past month as the Iran arms controversy has erupted into a full-scale scandal. The diversion of funds from the profits of those sales to the contras fighting the Sandinista regime in Nicaragua may have violated U.S. law.

There are hints that some private arms dealers took huge and maybe illegal profits. A special counsel will investigate all the gory details even as separate Congressional inquiries continue to do the same.

Reagan's initial reaction, like Richard Nixon's 13 years ago, is to blame the press for all of his problems. "This whole thing boils down to a great irresponsibility on the part of the press," Reagan said in a remarkable conversation with "Time" Magazine's Hugh Sidey. "I have to say that there is bitter bile in my throat these days. I've never seen the sharks circling like they now are with blood in the water. What is driving me up the wall is that this wasn't a failure until the press got a tip from that rag in Beirut and began to play it up. I told them that publicity could destroy this, that it could get people killed. They then went right on."

But Reagan and his aides have only themselves to blame. They miscalculated badly, and instead of acknowledging the mistake, they decided to tough it out. No President wants to admit making a mistake.

But now White House aides reluctantly acknowledge that Reagan may perhaps have been better served if he had delivered the same speech made by Vice-President George Bush on Dec. 3. After explaining the strategic importance of Iran and the human desire to win the freedom of the American hostages in Lebanon, the vice-president said: "Given 20/20 hindsight, call it a mistaken tactic if you want to. It was risky, but potentially of long-term value. The shaping of the Iranian policy involved difficult choices."

In fairness to Reagan, there are many differences between Watergate and the current political crisis disrupting Washington. Reagan was searching for an honorable foreign policy achievement. Nixon's men were merely after some relatively minor domestic political advantage.

Reagan also has quickly accepted the need for an independent counsel to investigate all the facts. He has promised his full cooperation. "If the investigative processes now set in motion are given an opportunity to work, all the facts concerning Iran and the transfer of funds to assist the anti-Sandinista forces will shortly be made public," he said in a nationally televised address on Dec. 2. "Then the American people — you — will be the final arbiters of this controversy. You will have all the facts and will be able to judge for yourselves." Nixon resisted any investigations for many months.

Israel, to its great dismay, has been thrust right into the middle of this whole messy affair. Several senior U.S. officials believe that there is some justice to this since they are convinced that Israeli leaders played a crucial role in convincing the Reagan administration to authorize the clandestine arms sales to Iran, which supposedly also served Israel's broader interests in the region.

Israel, fairly or unfairly, is being widely accused in Washington of talking the U.S. into this entire ill-fated strategy. Thus, even someone as basically friendly toward Israel as Attorney-General Edwin Meese has pointed out that Israel was involved in promoting this course of action from the start. At his Nov. 25 news conference, Meese said: "The policy was proposed initially as a result of conversations with Israel. It was then presented to the President by the then-Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs [Robert McFarlane]."

It is already becoming apparent that Israel is going to pay a price for its involvement. One respected Washington observer, Richard Strauss, editor of the Middle East Policy Survey, said: "I feel that we may have seen the high-water mark in U.S.-Israeli relations. The fascination with Israeli schemes is probably at an end, not only because these schemes didn't work but also because people who were most taken by them are gone and are likely to be replaced by more middle-of-the-road establishment figures."

Already, National Security Advisor John Poindexter, a strong supporter of Israel, has been replaced by Frank Carlucci, a veteran of the state department, Pentagon and Central Intelligence Agency who will bring to the White House a more traditional approach toward Israel and the Middle East. He is going to be very strong about getting too deeply involved with Israeli-inspired covert operations.

Senior U.S. officials certainly understand Israel's current nervousness, especially as a result of its alleged role in allowing the profits from the Iran arms sales to go to the Contras.

Still, White House officials are not very pleased by the way Israel is trying to distant itself from the entire affair. They are irritated by Israel's assertion that it was simply responding to an American request for strategic support. "It was Israel which got us into this mess to begin with," one U.S. official charged bluntly. "Now, they are trying to walk away from it."

Lt.-Col. Oliver North, the fired National Security Council operative who worked closely with Israel during the many months of the Iran arms shipments, talked at length about the entire scheme on Nov. 22-23. He was being questioned at the justice department by Meese and other senior investigators. Since then, North has refused to talk.

But it was on the basis of what North initially disclosed that Meese and later Reagan, in his Time interview, accused Israel of transfering the funds to the Contras. "Meese didn't simply make it up," one U.S. official said. "He was told of the Israeli involvement by North." And Meese then made his findings public — to Israel's regret.

"Certain monies were received in the transaction between representatives of Israel and representatives of Iran [and] were taken and made available to the forces in Central America which are opposing the Sandinista government there," Meese said. "Bank accounts were established as best we know by representatives of the forces in Central America. And this information was provided to representatives of the Israeli government — or representatives of Israel, I should say — and then these funds were put into the accounts." Meese said he wanted to be careful to say that "they were representatives of Israel — whether they were specifically authorized by the [Israeli] government or not is one of the things that I would assume we will find out."

Reagan, based on what he heard from Meese, went one step further. Without referring to Israel by name but clearly — according to his aides — meaning Israel, he said: "Another country was facilitating those sales of weapons systems. They then were overcharging and were apparently putting the money into bank accounts of the leaders of the Contras. It wasn't us funneling money to them. This was another country."

All of which clearly leaves Israel in a rather awkward predicament. Some one is not telling the whole truth.

Poindexter, North, McFarlane, CIA director William Casey, White House chief of staff Donald Regan and many others are eventually going to have to come clean and tell all. What they will say about Israel's involvement could very easily continue to contradict the official Israeli line.

U.S. gathering facilitates renewal of family ties

By
ELLEN GOODMAN

BOSTON —

My friend went home for Thanksgiving. We are, she said, before leaving, with a laugh, being gathered in like sheaves. It happens every year. A brother is coming by plane, a cousin by highway. A wealth of relatives are being assembled to renew their annual pledge as gene-carrying members of the same clan.

This is the modern harvest, I tell my friend. Her family, like others, spends most of the year scattered over three states. They collect for Thanksgiving bearing bridge chairs and port-a-cribs, extra spoons and collective memories.

It is not the excess of food on their table, a groaning board of goodies, that signifies a holiday gathering anymore. It is this mess of family. It's true everywhere. The centrepiece of the day is not the fabled 20-pound turkey. It is, instead, the people who come together to share it and share each other. People who call themselves family.

Somewhere deep in the Census Bureau, I am told, there are computers that report that single-person households are the fastest growing category in America. We live most of the year in small digits now: by ones, twos, threes.

The old and the young choose the style we call independence. Generations work in different occupations, retire to distant places. Parents and adult children set up households within the same states and are wary of intruding in each other's lives. We cultivate privacy in modern America. And then we long for rituals of intimacy.

I am sure it was different in the days of the Pilgrims. They celebrated the first Thanksgiving as a whole community. There was no single-person household in Plymouth Colony. Families were taken for granted. But the community was something to celebrate and sustain them in a vast and unfriendly continent.

At some point, Americans began to retreat from community. In the 19th century we described the family as the "haven in a heartless world." In cities, teeming with strangers, run by an unforgiving economy, we sought a safe harbor in extended families.

Now these are, by and large, subdivided. We live in nuclear families or none. More of us are, literally, on our own. We may have family names, but we are expected to have our own identity.

The very definition of home has been reduced to Robert Frost's famous lines: "Home is the place, where, when you have to go there, they have to take you in." It is an image of family as a last resort. A place where you might "have" to go and they would "have" to take you in.

Yet we, the separatists, also share a primal desire to be part of a clan. In memory and mythology, we cherish an image of home and family, large and welcoming. We prefer to believe that home is where, when you want to be there, they want you.

It is this longing to be connected that brings us back to the people who have a legitimate title to our lives: mother, grandfather, cousin. It is this longing that sends us to the oral historians of our own families. It is the desire that makes us constantly recreate the circle.

Membership in an extended family is not required in America. Families who do not live within commuting distance of each other's emotions have to choose to renew their membership in a family or it will lapse.

We can only hold to the name of family when we actively celebrate ourselves, tell each other stories, and pass the sense of oneness onto our children, the way we pass on a taste for chestnut stuffing or cranberry relish with orange. It is the traditions we constantly create that become the special glue to hold us together over time and distance.

In the end, my friend is not just a passive sheave being gathered to her clan. She is an eager part of this annual harvest of family. She goes home for the holiday, for the reason we all go home: She doesn't want to become a stranger.

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World-National

Urges continuation of battle to prosecute war criminals

Cotler: Jews must always fight for freedom

By WENDY ROSEN

TORONTO —

The absence of human rights is the absence of peace, a Montreal lawyer said here last week.

Prof. Irwin Cotler, in an address at a symposium on the status of world Jewry at the Lipa Green Building, said Jews must fight for the cause of human freedom "whenever and wherever."

In general terms, he discussed the Iranian situation where Jews are being imprisoned, tortured and forced to convert to Islam; the emergence of anti-semitism at the United Nations — a place where "everything evil in the world today" is seen as stemming from Zionism; and the tremendous increase in terrorist attacks against Jews and Jewish interests in Europe.

He said that between 1980 and 1985 there were 184 attacks, 33% of which were against persons not property.

"Jews throughout Europe are being persecuted not for what they do but for what they are — Jews," he said. "It's been said to me that anti-semitism in the Soviet Union has been raised to the level of a state religion in a godless society."

Cotler, an international law professor at McGill University, stressed that Jews must continue their battle to prosecute Nazi war criminals not so much for revenge but more for moral and judicial reasons.

"In Austria now, there is a false belief that Austria was not a collaborator in the Holocaust but rather the first victim of it — they're rewriting Holocaust history."

Eli Rosenbaum, general counsel for the World Jewish Congress in New York, described the growing trend to anti-semitism in Austria just prior to and after Kurt Waldheim's election to that country's presidency.

The lawyer, who listed the highlights of an 80-page report outlining Waldheim's alleged exploits as a member of Hitler's SS as shown by Nuremberg and other documents, said that Waldheim's election by 54% of the Austrian electorate was "a campaign geared to anti-semitic tendencies."

Rosenbaum, who worked as a trial attorney with the U.S. justice department's special unit for the investigation and prosecution of Nazi war criminals, said that as the facts about Waldheim's past unraveled, his party's newspaper published an editorial which warned Jews that the disclosures could backfire and unleash anti-semitic tendencies.

"That's exactly what happened."

The Jews of Austria are frightened and their requests for increased police protection for synagogues and institutions have been refused, he said.

"Austrian Jews have demonstrated extraordinary courage ... they're safer now because the eyes of the world are on Austria."

Rosenbaum called Waldheim, who as the UN's secretary- general for 10 years and as such the chief human rights official in the world, "an unreconstructed fascist." He said that no country in Europe will have anything to do with him — "he's the Maytag repairman of politicians — the loneliest guy on the planet."

There are no plans to invite him to Canada, where External Affairs Minister Joe Clark is conducting a study into Waldheim's wartime activities or the U.S.

Dr. Saul Friedman told the audience that there is an underlying unease in certain Arab countries. He related the story of the torture and imprisonment of an Iraqi woman now living in Israel.

The history professor at Ohio's Youngstown State University drew a similarity between the situation today in Syria and that of pre-concentration camp Germany in terms of both anti-semitism and treatment of Jews.

He stressed that although Jews must be concerned about getting their brethren out of this environment, rescue must be accompanied by rehabilitation. To get out is not enough, you have to ensure that people are provided with a framework — food, shelter and employment — to rebuild their lives.

Barbara Stern stressed that there is a need for Canada to ensure the Soviets live up to the standards of the Helsinki Accords.

The chairman of the Canadian Jewish Congress' Canadian Committee for Soviet Jewry said that the continuing campaign to put pressure on the Soviets has been effective — the door has opened a little and a few better known Refuseniks have been granted exit visas.

Alex Kushnir, a former Refusenik, who was granted a visa almost four months ago after 11 years of trying, was on hand to describe his situation and the plight of his friends still there.

The final session of the symposium, sponsored by the CJC's International Affairs Committee, concerned what speaker Alec Goldberg termed the non-oppressive situation for South African Jews.

In explaining that Zionism is at the root of Jewish life, the executive director of the South African Jewish Board of Deputies said that 85% of the 120,000 Jews go to Orthodox synagogues and that more than 50% of children attend Jewish day schools.

In making an indirect reference to apartheid, he noted that many young Jews are leaving the country "perhaps for political or moral reasons.

"This will have a detrimental effect of the long-term Jewish community. We are a demographically aging community."

Fainstat oversees civil service of 12,000

Montreal city chairman named

MONTREAL —

Michael Fainstat has become, not only the first Jewish, but first anglophone chairman of Montreal's executive committee, the second most powerful position at city hall after Mayor Jean Dore.

A 63-year-old engineer, Fainstat has been a Montreal Citizens' Movement councilor continuously since the opposition party's founding in 1974, representing a Notre-Dame-de-Grace district. He was the sole MCM member — one of only two opposition members — on council between 1978-82, and is credited with keeping the MCM alive during those difficult years.

He was the party's deputy leader, but is referred to more informally as "the conscience of the MCM." From 1978, he devoted his full time to being a councilor.

As chairman, Fainstat presides over a 6-member executive committee and oversees a civil service of 12,000. His first major task is preparing Montreal's 1987 billion-dollar budget.

Fainstat was born in Montreal and grew up in the old Jewish quarter around St. Lawrence Blvd. during the Depression. After Baron Byng High School, he served in the army and studied at McGill University at the same time. He was active in political and social causes from his student days, and in the 1950s and 60s was a familiar figure in the peace movement and its ban-the-bomb demonstrations. Fainstat also worked for the New Democratic Party at one time.

Fainstat had his own company for 23 years, Combination and Power Equipment Ltd., which specialized in power plant safety and pollution control systems. When that company was bought by an American conglomerate in 1973, Fainstat and his wife Ruth, a social worker by profession, took a year off to travel.

Their journey took them through Southeast Asia, the Middle East, the Soviet Union and eastern Europe, and Fainstat returned to Montreal with a clearer perspective on the politics process.

In a 1980 interview with The Canadian Jewish News, Fainstat said: "In places like Burma, amid all the poverty, people were still finding happiness. It's not only economic and technological gimmicks that people acquire that's important — it's how people relate to their neighbors...the feeling of belonging to a larger community."

Back in Montreal, Fainstat was struck by how impersonal the bureaucracy of the city was under Mayor Jean Drapeau. Thus began his association with the burgeoning MCM, a rather revolutionary development in a city which had no organized opposition in its municipal affairs.

Today, the MCM holds 55 of the 58 city council seats, ending Drapeau's Civic Party's 29-year hegemony.

A Gazette editorial gave Fainstat much of the credit for the MCM's stunning victory in last month's civic elections. Recalling the 1978-82 term, when he was the sole MCM member on council, the Gazette wrote: "Miniscule though it was, the opposition fulfilled admirably its democratic role of raising incisive and thought-provoking questions.

"How? Because one of those two opposition councilors, Michael Fainstat of the MCM, took his job seriously. His persistent but courtly manner and diligent personal research, backed up by solid party workers, helped to give his party the credibility that enabled it to win 15 seats four years later and 55 seats this time."

Michael Fainstat

Que. premier to be honored

MONTREAL —

Premier Robert Bourassa will be conferred an honorary degree from Tel Aviv University at a ceremony here next spring.

The gala evening April 6 will be the culmination of a fund raising campaign of the Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University, Montreal Chapter, to add a fourth floor to the Leon Recanti Graduate School of Business Administration. It is being called the Quebec Project, and is the first major campaign by TAU in Montreal in eight years.

Justice Minister Herbert Marx, who is a member of the chapter's board, will be the guest speaker. The locale of the evening has not yet been determined.

The Marcel and Annie Adams Institute for Business Management Information Systems was recently inaugurated at TAU through a generous donation from the Montreal couple. The goal of the chapter's campaign is to match that gift.

Premier Robert Bourassa

The chairman of the gala evening is Morton Brownstein. Among those working on the campaign are chapter president Barbara Seal and board members Myer Bick, Lawrence Bessner, Jack and Norma Cummings, Harold Greenberg and the Adams.

A series of functions will be held between now and April.

Ottawa MP Canada-Israel group chairman

OTTAWA —

David Daubney, Progressive Conservative MP for Ottawa West, was elected chairman of the Canada-Israel Friendship Group of the Canadian Parliament at the recent annual meeting of the group.

The Canada-Israel Friendship Group is composed of about 100 MPs and senators of all political parties, and functions under the authority of the Speakers of both the Senate and the House of Commons, with the support of the Parliamentary Relations Secretariat.

The purpose of the group is to work for greater friendship and goodwill between parliamentarians of Canada and Israel, and thereby lead the way to further cooperation between the national parliaments and peoples of both countries.

Daubney, who was first elected to the House of Commons in September, 1984, succeeds Toronto area MP Bill Attewell as chairman.

Succeeds Attewell

Daubney, a lawyer, is a graduate of Queen's University and the University of Western Ontario. He was called to the Ontario bar in 1974.

He is vice-chairman of the Commons justice and solicitor-general committee and a member of the research, science and technology committee.

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Living Halacha

By
RABBI MOSES J. BURAK

QUESTION: Shemittah, the Sabbatical Year, has arrived. How do Israeli farmers manage that problem?

With the arrival of Rosh Hashanah in the Sabbatical Year, all work on the soil of Israel comes to an end. That's the way the Torah rules it. There may be no ploughing, planting, pruning or harvesting for the next 12 months.

Rabbi Burak

What do the people eat?

In the Torah, a blessing is vouchsafed to those who keep the laws of shemittah. All will be well. They have nothing to fear. They will not have to fast for a whole year. The sixth year, the one just before the sabbatical, will produce supplies sufficient to last for several years.

But, in the period when Israel was under Roman domination, the land did not produce an abundance. Extortion was the rule. There were heavy taxes on the crops. How could the people pay all the taxes and have food to put on the table?

It was then that Rabbi Yannai made the following announcement, according to Tractate Sanhedrin, 26A: "Go out and sow the land because of the extortion, in the Sabbatical Year." Tosfos asks: "How could they permit the people to plough and to sow the land, when this is forbidden in the Torah?"

Tosfos answers that "it is a case of saving a life, for when the king asks his taxes and they don't give them, they will die in prison." A Yerushalmi is cited to that effect. Maimonides placed this ruling in his codex, Hilchos Shemittah ve-Yovel, Chapter 1:11. His great critic, Ibn Daud, disagreed.

Now, in the early days of Jewish colonization in Palestine, this question came to the fore. Could the fledgling colonies survive a shemittah year? Some athorities were sure they could. But, other authorities searched to find a way that would permit the land to be worked, without violating the law. How could that be done?

Well, the Mishnah, Shevi'is, Chapter 4:3 states that "ploughed land may be hired from a Gentile in the Sabbatical Year, but not from an Israelite." This means that it's not agricultural labor, per se, that is prohibited during the Sabbatical Year. Jewish land may not be worked that year. Non-Jewish land may.

Thus evolved the solution to sell all Jewish land to a non-Jew, and then the land could be treated as on all other years. This was first used for the Sabbatical Year 1889. Rabbi Yitzhak Elhanan Spektor z.l., Rabbi Yisrael of Kutna z.l., Rabbi Shmuel Mohiliver z.l., and Rabbi Shmuel Zanvil z.l. of Warsaw signed their names to this hetter.

The Gaonim Diskin and Salant z.l. bitterly opposed this ruling. According to Frederic Morton's The Rothschilds (Atheneum, 1962) pages 201-203, Baron Edmond Rothschild was deeply involved in all of this quarrel between the great rabbis:

"Edmond thought that idleness for so long a period would ruin most of the young settlements. He remonstrated with the rabbis of Jerusalem, who remonstrated right back. Edmond flew into a fatherly Jewish fit, the worst fatherly fit there is. He forsook racing, banking, collecting and all his other superb leisures.

"Edmond's counselors devised a method to have his kosher cake and eat it too."

Today, this hetter is still in vogue. But, some moshavim regard this cake as unkosher. A messenger goes forth to solicit funds for them, so they won't starve because of their idealism. Does this sound odd to you? It's not all that strange.

If you went on a sabbatical, wouldn't you expect your company to foot the bill?

40,000 working seniors to pay more

GAA protests Que. tax changes

By
DAVID LAZARUS

MONTREAL — The Golden Age Association has protested changes to the Provincial Taxation Act that reduce and/or cancel certain exemptions and deductions for working seniors aged 65 and over.

A taxation subcommittee of the GAA's social action committee delivered the protest in the form of an "open letter" to Quebec Finance Minister Gerard Levesque. Copies of the letter were also sent to all members of the National Assembly on behalf of GAA's 6,000 members.

The changes, effective on Jan. 1, are twofold:

The first decreases the $2,200 old-age exemption one dollar for every dollar of net employment or active business income.

The second, which affects all working Quebecers, reduces by half the $1,000 interest and dividend and pension income deduction.

The letter stated that the amendments "discourage seniors from active employment because of the punitive tax . . . This is contrary to the spirit of the legislation which eliminated mandatory retirement at age 65 and allowed those seniors with limited pension and investment income, to continue working in order to provide an acceptable standard of living."

By encouraging low income seniors "to remain idle," their feelings of "self-worth, emotional, mental, and physical well-being" could be affected, the letter stated.

Larry Shatsky, chairman of the taxation subcommittee, said at a press conference that the changes will affect 40,000 working seniors in Quebec, but primarily those individuals earning $10,000-$20,000, but most severely at the lower end.

Under the new legislation, he said, individual non-working seniors with interest and pension income totaling $9,480 will pay no income tax.

But if the same individual earns an additional $2,340 in part-time employment, it will cost him or her $365 more in taxes than it would have prior to the changes. That represents a 121% increase over the previous year. Individuals earning $3,500 in employment income above the $9,480 will pay $565 more in taxes than in 1985, or 118.2%.

Shatsky said that these two examples represent tax rates of 28.41% and 29.8% respectively. A non-senior earning a salary of $100,000 by comparison will pay 27.16% of the last $5,000 of earnings.

In effect, Shatsky said, working seniors are being "penalized," as it was implied they would be in the budget speech in May of 1986.

(On the interest reduction measure, the wording in Levesque's speech reads: ". . . I wish to assure the elderly, they will not be penalized by this measure if they are retired and receive no employment income . . .")

Shatsky also suggested that the legislation could be an attempt by the provincial government to recoup $84 million it lost when it reduced tax rates for high-level income earners to bring Quebec rates more in line with Ontario.

Jack Gottheil, chairman of the social action committee said in the letter and reiterated that in the interests of justice and fairness, the amendments should be withdrawn until public consultation can take place.

"Seniors are angry. We're not only being discriminated against but ignored." The legislation, he said, opens up a "wedge" whereby other deductions might be eliminated, such as for the blind or disabled. Similar sentiments were expressed by part-time working seniors attending the news conference.

Herzog cites improved ties

JERUSALEM (JTA) — President Chaim Herzog spoke of improved relations with the Far East upon his return recently from an 18-day trip there, the longest voyage ever made by an Israeli chief of state (CJN Nov. 27).

He said he met the governments and media in "seven friendly countries," allowing an exchange of views, "opening up new possibilities of trade and contact" and "improving the good relations that already exist between us and most of these countries."

He dismissed the protests he encountered there. Members of Knesset had criticized him as being ill-prepared for a poorly planned trip.

In Singapore, noisy anti-Israel demonstrations, reportedly orchestrated by Moslem neighbors Malaysia and Indonesia, greeted Herzog. He called their actions counter-productive, and noted the warm welcome he received from Singapore prime minister Lee Kuan Yew. The protests, he said, were a "very, very small, minor reaction."

Herzog said the 20 demonstrators who followed him around in Australia received "more coverage in the media" than "the very, very positive aspects of the state visit there."

Replying to a question, Herzog said relations with the growing Pacific Forum of 16 nations, including Australia and New Zealand, "is very good indeed . . . There seems to be very considerable appreciation of us."

"To the new island states," he explained, "we have given quite a lot of help and advice. There have been over 150 trainees from the islands alone trained in Israel in the last year or two."

The President met with representatives of Australia, Fiji, New Zealand and Tonga during his visits there, and with representatives of the Marshall Islands, who came to see him on Fiji.

Herzog said he toured the Chinese border while in Hong Kong, but met no Chinese officials. He said his visit there, as a guest of the Jewish community, was prompted by the last-minute cancellation of his stop in the Philippines.

"I was received with all the honors due a head of state on a private visit by the governor of Hong Kong," he explained. He said he discussed with the media "some of the aspects of our possible relationships."

Meanwhile, Herzog announced that he will make a state visit to West Germany early next year. It is intended to reciprocate the visit to Israel last year by West German President Richard von Weiszacker.

BB presents rights awards

TORONTO — Canada's ambassador to the United Nations was presented with a special human rights award earlier this week.

The B'nai B'rith's League for Human Rights presented Stephen Lewis with the award at its annual Media Human Rights Award night attended by 250 at the Sheraton Centre. Lewis was also the keynote speaker.

Although the event is annual, the special award is only presented in those years that it is merited.

Lewis joined an elite group of human rights communicators including former Ontario Ombudsman Dan Hill, Judge Walter Tarnopolski of the Ontario Supreme Court and Gordon Fairweather, chairman of the Canadian Human Rights Commission.

The CBC won both the television — for a Man Alive segment entitled Ending the Nightmare — and radio — for a segment of Ideas called Family Circles, Inner Spheres — awards.

An honorable mention in the television category went to CFCL in Timmins, Ont. for its show Long-term Care and a citation was presented to CBHT in Halifax, a CBC affiliate, for The Story of Mumsuze.

In the radio category, honorable mentions were presented to two CBC shows — a Sunday Morning segment called Not in My Backyard and Media File's program on AIDS. CBL's For Your Information was awarded a citation.

The Toronto Star won the press award for its series The Minority Report. The articles were later compiled into a book which now is used to teach human rights. Honorable mentions went to Maclean's Magazine for the article The Canadian Tragedy and The Calgary Herald for its ongoing commitment to human rights issues.

The league presents the media awards for "energetically and persistently bringing forth issues where human rights of individuals or groups are being denied or are in jeopardy."

The selection committee was composed of members of the league and individuals involved in the media and/or human rights in Canada.

Ministry okays removal of birthplace from passport

OTTAWA — Canadians will soon have the option of obtaining a passport without their place of birth listed, External Affairs Minister Joe Clark recently announced.

"For some Canadians, particularly of Jewish origin, having the place of birth identified on a passport might make them more susceptible to terrorist acts, depending on where they were traveling," Clark said. "We wouldn't want to be contributing inadvertently to the identification of potential targets."

Clark acknowledged that the move will also limit travelers' destinations as some countries, including Italy, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg, require that a person's place of birth be included on the passport.

Earlier this year, Israeli born Canadian Simcha Jacobovici challenged the practice of including a person's place of birth on passports in Federal Court.

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Enhancing Jewish identity

CJC program benefits students in smaller centres

MONTREAL —

Jewish students at universities in towns where there are small or no Jewish communities are benefiting from Canadian Jewish Congress' new national campus services program.

Funds are provided on annual basis for student-directed projects which will enhance their Jewish identity. In addition to offering material support, CJC tries to link up these students, many of whom are away from home, with the nearest Jewish community.

Beneficiaries this year are Jewish students at the University of Victoria (BC), Calgary Jewish Students Association, University of Saskatchewan, University of Brandon (Man.), University of Windsor, University of Western Ontario (in London), University of Waterloo, University of Guelph, Mount Allison University in Sackville, NB, University of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia's St. Francis Xavier, Dalhousie, Acadia and Mount St. Vincent Universities, and Memorial University in St. John's, Nfld.

Co-chaired by Jack Mintz of Ottawa and David Attis of Moncton, the program is directed by Shelly Ettinger at the CJC national headquarters in Montreal for all communities outside Ontario. Susan Jackson at the CJC office in Toronto is responsible for campuses in small towns in that province.

Ettinger, who has traveled to most of the universities, said the grants to students average $1,500. Applications for this academic year were made in February soon after the program was launched.

The students use the money to organize conferences, Shabbatons, coffee houses or bring in speakers. In one case, the money will be used to allow students to attend a conference of Network, a national Jewish students organization.

Brandon has the smallest number of Jewish students with just three. They are planning an interfaith Passover seder for next spring.

Students attending universities in Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg or Vancouver are not eligible for grants because Jewish communities in these cities already provide campus services of some sort.

Outreach to isolated Jewish students is an important aspect of the program. "We want them to feel a part of the community, to encourage them to take part in programming and have a place to go at holidays. They should not have to find their own way," said Attis.

He said CJC was surprised, for example, to discover a shomer Shabbat young man from Brooklyn studying at a veterinary college in Charlottetown. Through the CJC program, he was introduced to the Jewish community of Prince Edward Island, which numbers some 30 families.

CJC sees university students as tomorrow's potential leaders of the Jewish community, said Attis, and no less among those from small communities than large centres. "We have to nurture and cultivate these young people by showing an interest in them."

Swiss watch Syrians

GENEVA (JTA) —

Syrian nationals, including diplomats in Switzerland are having a hard time getting around. The Swiss government has given strict instructions to the police to keep a watchful eye on their movements through Switzerland.

The government's orders stem from Syria's involvement in an attempt to smuggle explosives aboard an Israeli airliner at Heathrow Airport in London last April 17. Britain broke diplomatic ties with Damascus after evidence of Syrian complicity emerged in the trial of Nezar Hindawi, the Jordanian national convicted of the crime.

As a result of the Swiss actions, even Syrians holding diplomatic passports have been subjected to police action. One Syrian employed at a United Nations agency in Geneva has been stopped several times at the airport here and questioned at length.

Syrian businessmen and resident students have curtailed travels around Switzerland to avoid humiliating incidents.

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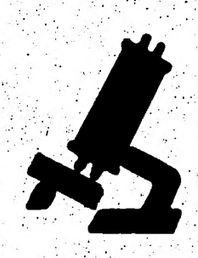

This declaration in support of Torah, Derech Eretz and tolerance is reprinted by the Canadian Friends of Bar-Ilan University.

1. In view of the exacerbated tensions between religious and secular Jews which we have recently experienced, **it is clear to us that the unity of the Jewish People in the State of Israel is currently in danger. This situation threatens both our spiritual and physical existence.** Under these circumstances it is imperative to take decisive steps to lay the foundation for peaceable coexistence.

2. As a first step in altering the current climate, **we call for a candid dialogue between the religious and secular communities, with the purpose of formulating a renewed national consensus on the issue of the Jewish character of the State.** We reject the continued indiscriminate pressures on the part of the religious community, as well as the progressive erosion of Israel's Jewish character on the part of the secular community. Fraternal enmity is not the way of the Torah. **We must strive to reach an accord which stems from mutual respect and tolerance.**

3. As a prerequisite for initiating this process, we call for an immediate cessation of all one-sided initiatives for religious legislation. We do support religious legislation which non-religious members of the Knesset are willing to support for germane reasons. However, we call for a halt to all new legislation, supported by non-religious members of the Knesset because of political or coalitional agreements.

4. We appeal to the leadership of the various segments of the population to refrain at this point from attempts to erode the status quo, which has heretofore been generally accepted. We are convinced that a majority of the religious community is ready to withstand the pressures of the extremists at the fringes. We call upon the moderate majority of the secular populace and of the *haredi* populace to stand up to extremist elements who may try to take advantage of this initiative to torpedo the status quo and foil the process of dialogue.

5. Integral to democracy is the right of groups to defend their principles. **We will also continue to strive for the advancement of the ethical and social principles embodied in the Torah, and the preservation of the Jewish character of the State.** However, we see education as the preferred and paramount means for achieving these goals. We unequivocally reject the current practice of engaging in indiscriminate public battles over any and all religious issues, with no distinction being made between primary and secondary issues, and no assessment being made of the possible repercussions of the clash, from the larger Torah and national perspective.

The leadership of the religious community must establish a clear set of priorities, and delineate those spheres which necessitate struggle, and those which require restraint. Should we decide to conduct a struggle, we insist that certain basic rules be scrupulously observed. **We reject violence, vilification, and provocation of all sorts. We also condemn battles and demonstrations, conducted under the guise of safeguarding Torah values or morality, that are actually crude vehicles for achieving other purposes.**

6. We ask our religious representatives and officials to focus their legislative initiatives on the social and economic spheres. **Basic principles of justice and responsibility, honesty and decency, concern for the unfortunates in our midst — all these are cardinal concepts of the Torah — and we must strive to give them expression in Israeli law and Israeli life.** In this manner, religious ideals will be respectably explicated and Torah law will be granted its rightful place in the actualisation of the Jewish identity of the State of Israel.

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Scuffles break out at Hebrew University

Clashes spread to West Bank and Gaza Strip

JERUSALEM (UPI) —

Israeli soldiers fired tear-gas canisters and shot an Arab in a fourth day of clashes Sunday with stone-throwing demonstrators protesting the army killing of three Palestinians in the Israeli-occupied territories.

As the Israeli-Arab confrontations spread from East Jerusalem to the West Bank and Gaza Strip, the Israeli cabinet warned security forces would not back down in the unrest that began last Thursday when soldiers shot and killed two Palestinian students at Bir Zeit University in the occupied West Bank.

A funeral was held Sunday before dawn for a 14-year-old Palestinian youth shot and killed Friday in the Balata refugee camp near Nablus. The military allowed only his father and a local official to attend, Palestinian sources said.

Balata was placed under curfew after youths stoned vehicles with Israeli licence plates on the road from Jerusalem to Nablus, 35 miles to the north, the army said.

A cabinet statement released Sunday backed the Israeli security forces, saying, "It is the duty of the IDF (Israel Defence Forces) and the police to maintain law and order and to prevent all disturbances.

"The IDF and border police acted properly in accordance with all existing orders and they will act in such a way in the future as well to prevent disturbances and avoid any casualties," the cabinet warned.

A 17-year-old Palestinian was shot in the knee at the Khan Yunis refugee camp in the Gaza Strip as soldiers broke up a protest by shooting over demonstrators and firing tear gas canisters. Palestinian sources said.

He was the first reported casualty from army shooting since the last killing Friday.

The East Jerusalem-based Palestine Press Service, which monitors developments in the territories occupied by Israel since 1967, said dozens were arrested for hurling stones at the soldiers and smashing a jeep windshield.

PPS said the chanting crowd of Arabs had demanded an end to the Israeli occupation and recent efforts by pro-Syrian Lebanese militia forces to take control of Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon.

In East Jerusalem, Palestinian youths threw stones at two buses and wounded a driver. Police said two suspects were arrested.

Most Arab-owned businesses in Jerusalem and the West Bank were closed for a second day and most Arab schools did not open on the last day of mourning for the two Bir Zeit students, who were buried Saturday.

Scuffles also broke out at Jerusalem's Hebrew University campus at Mount Scopus after left-wing Jewish groups and Arab students started demonstrating to protest the killings of the three Arabs.

Rightwing Jewish groups mounted a counter-demonstration and then scuffles started between the estimated 100 protesters until the army was called in and used a tear gas canister to disperse both sides, police said.

Students demonstrated peacefully at Haifa and Tel Aviv.

"Created climate" for shul arson

Hate articles appear in Romania

PARIS (JTA) —

Violently anti-semitic articles have recently appeared in two Romanian publications, including the Communist Youth League weekly. The French news agency AFP reports from Bucharest that Romanian Chief Rabbi Moses Rosen believes that these publications "have created a climate" which made possible the fire which recently broke out in a Moldavian synagogue.

The Romanian authorities said at the time that the fire broke out as a result of a robbery attempt. But Rosen told the French news agency that he "doubted" this explanation. The Chief Rabbi said that in any case, the publication of the anti-semitic material created a climate which made such acts possible.

The fire, which damaged the Bohush Synagogue, broke out the night between Oct. 30 and 31. Four young men were arrested a few days later and charged with robbery and arson. The news agency correspondent quoted unnamed Jewish and Israeli sources in Bucharest as describing the fire as "an anti-semitic act."

The Communist youth weekly recently published a poem describing the arrival in Romania "of a poor and miserable people. We slashed their throats and hung them on hooks." The word "Jew" does not appear in the text but it is generally assumed that the poem refers to the 1941 Bucharest pogrom during which three men, including the synagogue's cantor, were murdered and hung on butcher hooks by neo-fascist partisans of the then dictator, General Ion Antonescu.

The popular weekly Sapatamana published a "historic" study claiming that the 1941 Jassy pogrom resulted in the death of "only" 500 people, while it is generally assumed that between 4,000 to 12,000 died in the mass massacre of the city's Jews.

Several anti-semitic articles appeared in the official press four years ago, most of them signed by a poet, Corneliu Vadim Tudor, noted for his close connection with the country's top leadership. After Rosen protested, Romanian President Nicolai Ceausescu promised that he would personally "see to it" that this sort of incident did not reoccur.

Ceausescu also promised to stop the publication of the anti-semitic writings of a 19th century poet, Eminescu, and formally condemned anti-semitism and called on the Communist Party to combat it.

Orthodox body urges S. Africa divestment

BALTIMORE (JTA) —

The Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America (UOJC) unanimously adopted a resolution at the close of its national convention recently calling on "all Jewish institutions, our member congregations and their congregants to divest from their portfolios all investments in companies that do business with South Africa and do not comply with the Sullivan Principles."

Sidney Kwestel, president of the UOJC, which represents 1,500 Orthodox congregations in the U.S. and Canada with a membership of 1.2 million, called the move "not just a statement, but a call to action." He noted the UOJC has spoken out against apartheid in the past but had not previously taken a position on divestment.

The resolution noted that "racial discrimination is anathema to the Jewish tradition. . . . As Jews we are particularly sensitive to the tragic consequences of racial and religious prejudice and are committed to speak out against such practices wherever they appear, whether it be against the Bahai in Iran or our fellow Jews in the Soviet Union or Syria."

The resolution said the UOJC "remains sensitive to the interests of our Jewish brethren living in South Africa" and took note of "the courageous statements made by the South African Jewish Board of Deputies rejecting apartheid and renewing its commitment to justice, equal opportunity and the removal of all provisions in the laws of South Africa which discriminate on the grounds of color and race."

The Jewish Quiz

QUESTIONS:

(1) Name the annual 8-day festival, commencing on the 25th of Kislev, which commemorates the successful Maccabean revolt against religious persecution.

(2) What scroll gives a popular account of the wars of the Hasmoneans and the origins of the festival of Chanukah?

(3) Name the hymn sung after the kindling of the Chanukah candles.

Edmond Lipsitz

ANSWERS:

(1) Chanukah

(2) The Scroll of Antiochus or Scroll of the Hasmoneans.

(3) *Maoz Zur Yeshuati* (Mighty Rock of My Salvation".

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These questions and answers come from the book *6400 Questions About Judaism and the Jewish People* by Edmond Y. Lipsitz, recently published by JESL Educational Products, Downsview. Dr. Lipsitz would be pleased to receive your comments, or to consider your own Jewish quiz questions for inclusion in future columns. Write to him, c/o Canadian Jewish News.

The Name Game

There's a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years.

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CHABAD

Having been born and raised in Toronto, I became accustomed to street names like St. George, St. Andrews and St. Patrick. In my wildest dreams I could not anticipate that a street in suburban Toronto would bear a Hebrew acronym.

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Dotan works to move IDF women into high tech jobs

Female general proves she's a "leader of men"

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

People are going to have to rethink their perceptions of what a general looks like.

With large, rectangular fashion glasses, elegant dress, pearls and stylish hairdo, Amira Dotan does not fit the mould of an army officer.

Yet, when she begins discussing the innovations in the Israel Defence Forces, her confident, forceful manner, her command of the subject and her dedication to her cause quickly dispels any doubt whether this woman could ever be a "leader of men."

Dotan has been called the first Jewish woman general since Deborah made war against the Canaanites 3,000 years ago, but it's clear Dotan does not intend to be the last.

Brigadier-General Dotan, head of Israel's Women's Corps, has embarked on a program of changing the traditional woman's role in the army and even beyond — throughout Israeli society.

Dotan, who visited Toronto to address a meeting of the Association for the Welfare of Soldiers in Israel, told an audience of about 150 at the Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue the jobs being performed by women in the IDF are changing. They are moving out of the traditional, clerical positions to take on high-tech jobs in all aspects of the armed services.

But Dotan acknowledges there are difficulties: "Yiddishe mothers don't send their daughters to school to study those subjects," she said. So, at age 18, the army must begin to do so, but often the two years of service is not long enough to complete the training.

So, Dotan has approached the ministry of education to convince it to offer courses preparing high school girls for the high tech future that awaits them in the IDF.

Gen. Amira Dotan

Women in the IDF "do everything, except fight," she said. About six years ago, Dotan approached the top brass with the idea that women become instructors for male soldiers in a number of branches of the services, including artillery and paratroops.

She was listened to and politely given reasons why that would be out of the question. How can women be instructors when they don't have experience as active fighters? she was asked. Wouldn't men make better role models for other men? was another argument she faced.

Her response was that "anything you can do, I can do better." Being taught by female instructors would spur the recruits to do better — to excel, she reasoned. Her argument won out; women now do everything in the IDF except go into combat.

For women in Israel today, the army serves both as a means of maturing them quickly — they come in unsure of themselves, worrying about the makeup they should wear — and allowing them to find their full potential as a "mature citizen for Israel.

"To be equal," she said, "women can't just shout 'equal opportunity.' They must also be equal in duties. If you're just self-oriented, you can't ask for rights."

As a representative of the first generation of sabras to grow up with the state (she was born in 1947), Dotan said she and her generation are proud of their identities as Jewish women who retain their femininity as well as their independence.

Independence gives them "the feeling you are grown up and can do things. You have self-esteem and with that esteem, you can do a lot of things," she said.

Dotan capped her talk by reminding those present that the Association provides in Israel those extra comforts that makes a soldier's duty more tolerable.

The Association has built four rest camps for soldiers, as well as hostels, restaurants, clubhouses, halls for shows and parties, libraries, synagogues, reading and music rooms. Clubs are available in military camps and gift parcels are sent to soldiers on holidays.

"You can't know the meaning of coming from the base and knowing someone is behind you," Dotan said.

Mideast conference needed, says Broadbent

OTTAWA —

New Democratic Party leader Ed Broadbent believes calling an international conference on peace is necessary at this stage to end the current stalemate in the Arab-Israeli conflict.

A public statement that they believe in Israel's right to exist within secure borders should be a prerequisite for any Palestinian representatives participating in such a meeting, he told the recent policy conference of the Canada-Israel Committee. "The conference should be open to reasonable Palestinians committed to peace with Israel."

Broadbent was complimentary of the achievements in the first two years of Israel's National Unity government. "I applaud the ability of two differing parties to make this unique coalition work. Israel is difficult to govern under the best of circumstances. That it could be governed so effectively by this coalition is just short of miraculous."

He specifically cited the withdrawal from Lebanon, the halting of runaway inflation, and Shimon Peres' forging new diplomatic contacts with the Soviet Union, Poland, Morocco, Cameroon and other countries as major accomplishments.

Broadbent also praised Israel's big labor federation, the Histadrut, for its training program for Black South African union leaders. These South Africans are brought to Israel to study at the Afro-Asian Institute in Tel Aviv, he said, and return home to assume "crucial" leadership roles in the union movement.

The NDP leader said the Iran-Iraq war, now in its seventh year, may be "the greatest danger to Middle East stability. "Supplying arms to either side only serves to escalate the violence. The Canadian government must make clear to all other governments that this is not acceptable."

Broadbent favors a regional "Marshall Plan" approach to the "severe economic recession" threatening many Arab states. The Marshall Plan was the popular name of the economic recovery program for war ravaged Europe introduced by the United States in 1947.

Tourism pact

ATHENS (JTA) —

A joint advertising program aimed at reinforcing tourism to Greece and Israel will be implemented by the two countries in the United States and Canada, a National Economy Ministry announcement said recently. It said the details of the program and when it would be implemented were agreed on by Economy Deputy Minister Panayiotis Roumeliotis and Israeli Tourism and Justice Minister Avraham Sharir during the Greek official's visit to Israel.

Part of the program, mainly its promotional activities, are under way.

The two sides also reviewed tourism cooperation and agreed to bilateral reinforcement measures, with the Israeli side showing particular interest in the provision of Greek expertise in the study and construction of marinas, the announcement added.

In addition, it said Roumeliotis had told a press conference in Israel that Culture Minister Melina Mercouri would visit Israel in 1987, and that Foreign Minister Karolos Papoulias also intended to do so.

BB award for Pigott

TORONTO —

The B'nai B'rith Canada Award of Merit will be presented April 8 to Jean Pigott at a dinner in Ottawa, it was announced last week.

Pigott, the 9th chairman of the National Capital Commission, was selected for "her tremendous contribution to both the public and private sector of Canadian society."

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Editorial

Quirky syndrome

True, only a small number of Jews were involved but it was still very sad recently to see them among a number of Russians opting for a return to the Soviet Union. In recent ceremonies both in Canada and the United States numbers of returning Soviet citizens were trotted out by embassy officials to show that life in the West was not all it is cracked up to be.

The Jewish returnees among the Russian group told basically the same story about the reasons for their return to the Soviet Union. They had been unable to navigate in the Western system and were unhappy about the social welfare benefits available in Canada and the United States. One of the Montreal group indicated that Jewish agencies had been unreceptive to his plight (refuted by the agency).

While the spectacle of returning Soviet Jews is a painful one it must be kept in perspective. The group that is going back to the Soviet Union represents a tiny minority of the Russian Jews who have come to this continent. They represent, in fact, the exception to the rule because the vast majority of Russian Jews in Canada and the United States have adapted well to their new environment and in many cases have done extremely well professionally and businesswise.

The return of some Soviet Jews is a quirky development but not an unprecedented one. In 1936 during the Berlin Olympics large numbers of German Jews, having originally fled their country because of anti-semitism, chose to return to the Third Reich.

Those German Jews, unhappy in their new environments, thought they detected a more relaxed attitude towards Jews in Germany and decided to go back.

It turned out, of course, that no such attitude or change had occurred in the Nazi regime. The Nazis had merely removed some of the more blatant anti-semitic manifestations during the weeks the Olympics were in progress. Once the Games were over the harsh Nazi policy towards Jews was intensified.

It would be most unfortunate if the returning Soviet Jews were about to become part of the same syndrome. They may yet have second thoughts about their decision to be repatriated. In the near future they may once again call upon this country to receive them.

Unusual speed

It has been said that individuals cannot move government. The theory is that bureaucracy is so well entrenched that private citizens have no hope in influencing the policies of those agencies.

That picture of government bureaucracy will have to be changed: an agency of the Canadian government has given the lie to the critical view.

Several weeks ago a Canadian citizen petitioned officials in the passport office over the listing of the place of birth in the travel document issued to Canadians. The objection was that such a listing could jeopardize travellers born in Israel or other countries which are unloved by terrorists.

Last week the impossible occurred: the government announced that henceforth Canadians would be able to obtain passports which do not indicate the bearer's place of birth.

In making the announcement Canadian government officials pointed out that while this would solve one problem, it might also cause another. Some countries require the place of birth to appear on passports and might object to this omission on the Canadian document.

The onus now, however, is on the traveler to ascertain this information before he tries to seek entry in the destination country.

There is another aspect to this problem which must be addressed. By agreeing to the removal of the place of birth on the Canadian passport officials here can now avoid an issue which has been plaguing them for years. The passport office has continually refused to recognize Jerusalem, Israel as a place of birth. Traditionally it has been listing the city but without apposing Israel's name. It has done so in skittish response to Arab pressures on this matter.

The decision to permit issuance of passports without the designation of place of birth helps the government conveniently avoid a tricky political issue. Perhaps that is why bureaucracy moved so efficiently in this instance. It served its own best interests.

Try a bookish Chanukah

THE JEWISH WORLD

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

Books you can curl up with on cold winter days or nights, or give as Chanukah gifts...

Anatoly (Natan) Scharansky is writing his biography, and no doubt his book will be as interesting as his life. Scharansky, who gained his freedom earlier this year in an East-West prisoner exchange, has been working on it for several months now, in his new home in Jerusalem. The book will be published either in 1987 or 1988.

Meanwhile, Scharansky admirers can delve into two biographies well worth reading — *Scharansky: A Hero Of Our Time (Penguin, $29.95)* by Martin Gilbert, and *Anatoly and Avital Scharansky: The Journey Home (Harcourt, Brace, Jovanovich, $15.95)* by the staff of The Jerusalem Post.

Anatoly Scharansky

Gilbert, a British historian and author of *The Jews of Hope: The Plight of Soviet Jewry Today*, knows as much about his subject as any writer. Drawing upon a wealth of previously unpublished documents, such as letters Scharansky wrote to his family while in prison and material from his trial, Gilbert composes a reasonably rounded portrait of a dogged human rights activist who paid harshly for his beliefs.

In the first part of *Scharansky*, Gilbert deals with his childhood, youth and career as a budding computer technologist. He then offers a richly detailed account of his transformation into a Refusenik and his membership in the Helsinki Watchdog Committee in Moscow. Finally, Gilbert looks at Scharansky's friendship with Andrei Sakharov, for whom he often acted as a translator and interpreter.

Gilbert faithfully recounts the whole sad story of his arrest, imprisonment and trial, and, in a concluding chapter, describes the efforts by his family and friends to maintain contact with him, buoy his moral and free him.

The second volume under review chronicles the 12-year ordeal of the Scharanskys. Avital's stubborn, heroic role in freeing her husband, which is of special interest, is amply documented by the Post's team of reporters. Avital was separated from him only one day after their marriage, and she fought ferociously to get him back.

Anatoly and Avital is also the story of the political maneuverings and diplomatic negotiations that eventually persuaded the Soviet authorities to let him go. The concluding chapters are about their reunion and new life in Israel, the impact his release had on Soviet Jews who wish to emigrate, and the Refuseniks who still remain behind.

New York City's second Jewish mayor, the irrepressible Edward Koch, likes to sound off at the slightest excuse. Koch, being no wallflower, is hardly shy about his accomplishments. He simply wants to be noticed.

If the man interests you, you will probably enjoy *Politics (Warner, $5.95 paperback)*, not just for its insights into the American political process but for its revelations about certain people and situations.

Koch's observations regarding politics are usually to the point (he served as a congressman before becoming mayor), but they are not as trenchant as his personality vignettes. Three, in particular, stand out.

•When Koch was campaigning for the mayoralty in 1973, it was suggested to him that he make an appointment with the Lubavitcher Rebbe in Crown Heights. Word came back that he could see him at 11:15 p.m. Koch sat with the rebbe for 30 minutes, talking his head off. The rebbe remained silent throughout the entire conversation. After leaving his inner sanctum, Koch was asked by the rebbe's followers what he had said. "You have to say something," he writes. "So I take the palm of my hand and I sock my forehead and say, 'My God, what that man knows about politics.' "

•A fellow congressman, a devout Christian from Mississippi, invited him to address a prayer breakfast on Judaism. After doing so, Koch said: "The question that you really want to ask is, Do Jews have dual loyalty..." Koch paused, then declared: "I want to assure you and to solemnly swear that if Israel ever invades the United States I shall stand with the United States." Koch adds: "They roared with laughter and goodwill."

•In 1969, 11 months after entering Congress, Koch read a piece in The New York Times quoting David Rockefeller, chairman of the Chase Manhattan Bank, as saying that American Middle East policy should be more favorable to the Arabs. Koch went to see Rockefeller in an attempt to get him to retract his statement. The verbal joust that ensued is truly fascinating and is in keeping with Koch's reputation as a feisty, no-nonsense politician.

If you think Jews have had a profound influence on music, you won't know how really true that is until you read *Great Jews in Music (Jonathan David, $24.95)*.

Darryl Lyman compendium contains over 100 major biographies and hundreds of thumbnail sketches on greats like Eddie Cantor, Irving Berlin, George Gershwin, Benny Goodman, Al Jolson, Harry James, Arty Shaw, Gustav Mahler, Felix Mendelssohn, Arthur Fiedler, Rise Stevens and Otto Klemperer.

A perfect reference book.

The Reichmann clan of Toronto has passed into the realm of legend by now. Probably not since the rise of the Rothschilds has there been such a financially astute Jewish family. Within about a generation, they have parlayed a tidy fortune into a fabulous business empire that now rivals the greatest congolmerates.

Peter Foster's book, *The Master Builders (Key Porter, $24.95)*, reconstructs the way in which the Reichmanns amassed their wealth, paying special attention to their recent takeover of two Canadian companies with assets over $10 billion, Gulf Canada and Hiram Walker.

The Master Builders, which is based on second-hand information, revolves around the persona of Paul Reichmann, the developer who is seldom seen in public and whose aversion for publicity is well known.

Not having had access to the Reichmanns in preparing this book, Foster was at an immediate disadvantage. So when you read The Master Builders you should keep that in mind.

Paul Reichmann

Foster, an award-winning journalist, provides a capsule history of the family and then explains how their company, Olympia & York, acquired millions of square feet of prime real estate in North America.

It is a workmanlike effort, but a definitive book on the Reichmanns has yet to be written.

The Jewish Directory and Almanac (Franklin Watts, $22.50) should be in every Jewish home. More than 600 pages long, and edited and compiled by Ivan Tillem, it is something of a monumental work.

Although its focus is on American Jewry, there are enough entries on the rest of the world — and Israel — to make it useful to a universal audience.

This reviewer particularly liked the feature on Israel's development as seen through the front pages of The New York Times, the historical notes on figures like Luther, Jewish names and the culture of Sephardic Jews before World War II, and the reports on the media.

Every nice Jewish boy should have a copy of *The Jewish American Prince Handbook (Raincoast Books, $7.50)*. A companion volume to *The Jewish American Princess Handbook*, it is guaranteed to elicit a chuckle, if not a hearty laugh. The authors are Sandy Toback and Debbie Haback.

Some of their humor is rather heavy-handed and stereotypical, but if you persist, you will be rewarded.

The Book of Modern Jewish Etiquette (Fitzhenry & Whiteside, $15.95) will be of interest to observant couples. Helen Latner answers questions on a wide variety of subjects ranging from sex and dress to dietary laws and celebrations.

If you're looking for a Jewish calendar, look no further than the one issued by the Jewish Museum of New York under the auspices of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. Distributed in Canada by Firefly Books, this calendar, printed on fine glossy paper, is truly a work of art. The retail price is $14.95. Firefly also distributes a beautiful engagement calendar for $18.95.

If you want to become an expert on Detroit's Jewish community, try *The Jews of Detroit From The Beginning: 1762-1914 (Wayne State University Press, $15.95)*. Robert Rockaway wrote it as a PhD thesis for the University of Michigan. He is presently a senior lecturer in the Jewish history department of Tel Aviv University.

Interestingly enough, Detroit's first known Jewish settler, Chapman Abraham, a German trader of wine, brandy and muskets, arrived in the city via Montreal. As everyone must know by now, some of the best people known to humanity come from Montreal.

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Opinion

Conspiracy or blunder or both?

Vanunu affair continues to stir, puzzle observers

By
GIDEON REMEZ

JERUSALEM —

"Heard of the latest song on the Israeli hit parade?" I was asked by an American diplomat. "*If You Knew What Vanunu. . . .*"

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Well, as the case unfolds we're beginning to get an inkling, and not only of what Mordechai Vanunu knew (which was spread all over the *Sunday Times* anyway). And many here are finding that the implications give rise to some disturbing concerns. Some of them won't go away even if the British ambassador is satisfied with the "clarifications" he requested for the official Israeli announcement that Vanunu went from a London hotel to detention here without any British law being broken.

At every new turn of the Vanunu story, I've had to remind myself of a basic maxim for analysts of affairs of state: "the conspiracy theory may look neater, but the ineptitude theory is probably true." In this particular case, one hardly knows which theory one would prefer.

There has indeed been plentiful and tempting circumstantial evidence for the conspiracy theory that was hinted at in the foreign press almost as soon as "the secrets of Israel's nuclear arsenal" were revealed. This theory held that Vanunu was a plant, engineered to disabuse Israel's adversaries of any underestimate they may have harbored concerning her nuclear might — or, alternatively, to intimidate them with an inflated image of her capability. Either way, the intended result was supposedly an enhancement of deterrence against Arab attack.

Consider, for example, the information spread by the Anglican minister from Sydney, Australia, John McKnight. His friend and convert "Mordi" Vanunu attended a discussion group on the moral obligation of a Christian in the nuclear age. It was what he heard there that induced him to go public with the photos, blueprints and other data that he just happened to have amassed at the Dimona nuclear centre and smuggled out of Israel. And with such dynamite in his pocket, he chose the unlikely literary agent services of a shady Colombian journalist who just happened to be sent to the same church as an unemployed fence painter. It all sounds enticingly like an elaborate cover story.

It takes only a little more late-show imagination to implicate McKnight himself in the plot: only after he sounded off in Jerusalem did Israel allow publication (then attributable only to the Australian) of the fact that Vanunu was in custody here. Up to then the news had been suppressed — which was exactly what one would expect if first-class state secrets were at stake. So through McKnight, the best of both worlds was had. And so on and so forth, with unlimited prospects for raising the level of deception.

But unfortunately for the would-be Le Carres, no one has been caught with a smoking pistol, and there are some gaping holes in the conspiracy theory as well. The biggest, perhaps, is the palpable panic with which the Israeli government met the news that Vanunu's material was about to be published in London. Of course, one could suggest that this too was meticulously staged as part of the scenario: Israel's newspaper editors, ever suspicious of each other's good faith, could be trusted to break their pledge to a "frantic" Prime Minister Peres and banner the story rather than play it down, thus giving it further credence.

But all reliable reports portray the panic as unmistakably genuine — as was the dismay when it transpired that the Israeli press had given Vanunu much greater play than anyone else. And there's the rub. Because if it wasn't colossal, super-sophisticated conspiracy, it was colossal ineptitude, and this miscalculation of press behavior was only a minor aspect of it. If Vanunu's merchandise wasn't a plant, then only incredible laxity on the part of Dimona security could have let him obtain it, take it home and ultimately smuggle it out of the country.

If the unprecedented leak to the foreign press of a subsequent tete-a-tete between the Prime Minister and the Mossad chief was not another feature of the grand design, then the latter's accusations of incompetence in the General Security Services reflect a real concern for the safety of Israel's innermost secrets and most vital assets. Coupled with the damage already done to the prestige of the GSS by the "Bus 300" affair and the ensuing cover-up, the tarnished image of Israel's security established could be more detrimental to her deterrence than the purported Vanunu conspiracy might have been beneficial.

Once this became evident, and once the Israeli press had established that Vanunu had made a name for himself at Beersheba's Ben-Gurion University as an advocate of Palestinian rights, it was only a matter of time before someone maximized the political expediency of pointing out the combination. Knesset member Geula Cohen of the far-right Tehiya party lost little time in calling for a "purge" (her term) of leftists from all "sensitive positions."

Vanunu had joined the mostly-Arab Moscow-line Communist Party (conveniently for the conspiracy theorists, his party card surfaced in the possession of his American ex-girlfriend, where it could be made public). But Ms. Cohen extended her suggested ban to members of the Zionist-left Mapam Party and Citizens' Rights Movement as well as left-wingers of the Labor Party. They might, she contended, be led by their ideology to commit treasonous acts similar to Vanunu's; so, while entitled to their views, they should be kept away from any classified information or direct role in defence.

Cohen was backed by most of her party, including prominent nuclear physicist (and former colonel) Yuval Ne'eman MK. Judging by the epithets frequently aimed at left-wing politicians, she also had tapped a wider reservoir of public opinion. Suddenly, the spectre of an Israeli-style McCarthyism again reared its ugly head. It had been widely assumed that at least among respectable politicians, insinuations of treason within the "Zionist consensus" had been laid to rest after the country was shocked by the murder of an anti-war demonstrator at the height of the Lebanon War.

So it was doubly refreshing to hear one of Cohen's Tehiya colleagues reject her demand — former Chief of Staff Rafael Eitan MK. "Raful," who rarely has a kind word for the left, is well aware that elite military units and other high-risk security roles have long been ably and reliably manned by kibbutz volunteers and members of allied movements, their peace activism notwithstanding.

CRM Knesset member Ran Cohen (a reserve paratroop colonel) put it simply: "If we're going to 'purge' all leftists from the defence establishment, we might as well close up shop." Perhaps, retorted Ms. Cohen's supporters, this leftist penetration was precisely the reason for the decline in motivation and capability that many have discerned in the defence establishment over recent years. So their drive may not so easily be blunted, despite the left's argument that it had never demanded a similar purge of right-wingers because some of their extremists had joined the Jewish terrorist underground in the Occupied Territories. If indeed Vanunu's motive was left-wing ideology, his deed may have boomeranged against the very circles that he would like to see reinforced — even though they would have no part of him.

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"Did you notice," my American friend continued in a more serious vein, "how quiet the Russians, of all people, have been about Vanunu? You might think that they'd be having a ball denouncing Israel's nuclear weapons. I suppose that they're not too eager to get stampeded now into supplying the same to some unstable and unpredictable Arab country."

Which returned my thoughts to the overall dilemma whether Israel should produce nuclear weapons, hover "two turns of the screwdriver away," or eschew the nuclear option entirely (though perhaps bluffing — the conspiracy theory again). The pros and cons could fill a book, but what comes to mind in this context is the paradoxical danger that the more sophisticated we become in the theory of nuclear deterrence, the less we may account for the unique risks of our region.

Reagan and Gorbachev, despite the gulf that separates them, share the common language of nuclear logic. At least we all fervently hope that both men recoil at the thought of using the bomb for the sheer purpose of massacre and destruction — bargain though they do with the nuclear menace to gain other advantages. Israel too — thank heaven — belongs to the same moral-cultural sphere.

The same, though, may not necessarily be true for the likes of Khomeini and Gadhafi. The brand of fanatic Islam that sends children into holy war or recruits suicide bombers just conceivably might not flinch at "taking out" Tel Aviv for its own sake — disposing of the infidel usurper. These gentry might well be capable of getting a bomb in order to use it, with much less regard than America, Russia or Israel for the normally deterrent threat of a retaliatory strike.

This, presumably, is one reason for Israel's longstanding policy of declaring that she will not be the first to introduce nuclear weapons into the Middle East: while little can be done to prevent the purely mercenary selling of nuclear technology, at least this reduces the political leverage of the Arabs in demanding it.

The basic assumption of the Vanunu conspiracy theory is that one might deter "normal" Arab states by leaking the information while denying them and the more dangerous ones the official confirmation that could help them secure their own bombs. Whether this was indeed intended, or as seems more likely, we now have to contend with the fallout of a massive snafu — one can only hope that the Vanunu affair has not raised the nuclear stakes any further.

Meged: Mankind draws "no lesson at all"

Holocaust's horror still defies scrutiny

By
CARL ALPERT

JERUSALEM —

The truly significant element in the award of the Nobel Prize to Elie Wiesel is not so much the man who was honored, as the subject which he has come to symbolize before the world — the Holocaust. It is a subject which continues to torment not only the remaining survivors, but also the psychologists, the philosophers, the historians, the theologians, and all thinking people who seek to understand how a cultured and civilized state could have perpetrated such a horrendous atrocity on such a scale. There are questions which all of us can ponder, and to which few of us can find satisfactory replies.

The Holocaust remains an inexhaustible source of research, study and retrospective. Haifa University rendered a major service, not long ago, when its Strochlitz Institute of Holocaust Studies, sponsored a 5-day International Congress, the object of which was to explore the world's comprehension of the tragedy. Some of the greatest scholars and historians in the field — men like Prof. Raul Hilberg, Prof. George Steiner, Prof. Randolph Braham and Prof. Elie Wiesel were among the speakers, and they offered brilliant presentations on every major aspect of the theme.

We were most impressed, however, by the approach of the Israeli literary personality, Aharon Meged. His provocative subject was entitled, "I Was Not There," and what he had to say was so stimulating that in retrospect we are not quite clear what we should ascribe to him, and what emerged from our own thoughts in response to his words.

At the outset Meged made it clear that all he has read and all the information and facts he has amassed have not brought him any closer to a true understanding of what really occurred.

The mental and psychological scars on the survivors are deep and almost incomprehensible. Many continue to suffer from a fixation, a sense as if some guilt attaches to them for having survived, while all those around them went to their death.

Today there is a whole generation which was not yet born when Hitler let loose his terror in Europe. No matter how many times the story may be told, this generation finds it difficult to find any sense of personal association with the Holocaust. It is something that happened in history, a long time ago, relatively, like the tortures of Torquemada in Spain, or the Cossack pogroms in Russia. It is something we read about in books.

In Israel every attempt is made to render the Holocaust personally relevant by special courses in the schools, by organized visits to places like Yad Vashem or the Ghetto Fighters' House, and by public observances.

Meged concentrates on the generation to which he belongs — those who were alive at the time but were not there, and were hardly aware of the enormity of the crime that was being committed. What a meagre and paltry defence we put up when we say: "We didn't know, but even if we did, what could we have done?" Meged: "I was here in the Land of Israel. Life here was 'normal' then, even cheerful, as I can remember. The cafes were full, theatres were playing comedies, the economy prospered on war production, political parties were quibbling about their hair-splitting differences of ideologies . . . business as usual." And Jews in the United States and elsewhere, did they not carry on with their business and family and social affairs without any thought that at the very moment of their festivities, Jews in Europe were being shot and gassed and burned?

What lesson has been drawn from that darkest period in the history of mankind? Meged asks. And his answer: "No lesson at all." One might have expected a change of heart, of spirit, of morals would come over the world — a change in relationships between man and man, nation and nation, race and race. No change has occurred, and the peoples and nations continue in their petty ways.

Who can ever say there will never again be another Holocaust? It may not take the same forms, but it may be equally hideous in its results. Who can say that the Soviet government is no less capable than cultured, civilized, intellectual Germany, of seeking the destruction of a people by one means or another — and if so, what is this generation doing to prevent it? Or shall the Jews of this day say in the future, as their fathers said 40 and more years ago — we did not know — and even if we suspected or feared, what could we do?

There were heroes during the Holocaust; most of them died martyrs' deaths. There are heroes in the Soviet Union today — men and women of courage and daring, of passionate hope and faith. What are we doing to help them overcome their enemies, maintain their spirits, and survive, physically and spiritually — we, who are not there?

10-GALLON KIPA

No, that's not JR wearing the Stetson. It's Israel agriculture minister Aryeh Nahamkin, with Texas agriculture commissioner Jim Hightower, talking Israel-U.S. agricultural relations during the recent Israel-American trade week in Israel. [IPPA photo]

Opinion

New book dismisses dealing with PLO

O'Brien: Peace-for-territory scheme "pipe dream"

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

For the past 19 years, ever since the end of the Six Day War, efforts by the international community to defuse the Arab-Israeli dispute through diplomatic means have turned on the proposition that, in return for peace with its Arab neighbors, Israel must withdraw from the occupied territories and solve the Palestinian problem.

Vague though it may be, that concept — enshrined in United Nations Security Council resolution 242 — has gained virtually universal acceptance.

The so-called territory-for-peace formula, which was the basis of the 1978 Camp David Accords and Israel's 1979 peace treaty with Egypt, has been formally endorsed by Israel, most Arab countries, the U.S. and Canada, Western Europe and the Soviet Union.

But Conor Cruise O'Brien, the Irish writer, diplomat, scholar and politician, claims it is all "a mirage."

O'Brien, the author of *The Siege: The Saga of Israel and Zionism*, categorically distances himself from that popular school of thought. As he puts it: "The idea of Israel withdrawing to its pre-June 1967 territory, and living there behind secure and recognized frontiers, in peace with all its neighbors, is an agreeable pipe dream."

Yet O'Brien, former editor of The Observer, the prestigious Sunday newspaper published in London, is not suggesting that Israel should keep it all. Although he sees little chance for Israel to relinquish the West Bank and let the Palestinians form an independent state there, he can envisage a scenario that would enable Syria to regain control of the Golan Heights.

O'Brien, 68, is a ruddy-complexioned southern Irishman whose involvement with the Middle East stretches back three decades. Ireland became a member of the United Nations in 1955, and took part in the General Assembly debates for the first time in the autumn of 1956. O'Brien represented Ireland on the Special Political Committee, whose mandate was the Palestinian refugees.

As delegates were seated in alphabetical order, he found himself between the Iraqi and Israeli representatives. "Both greeted me cordially," he recalls. "It took me a few moments to realize that my seating had relieved each of them of an extremely uncongenial neighbor."

In 1961, he left the United Nations, and for a while he concerned himself with African affairs. From 1965 to 1969, he served as Albert Schweitzer Professor of Humanities at New York University, after which he entered Irish politics. As a politician, O'Brien was in parliamentary opposition and in the cabinet, notably as minister of communications.

In 1978, when he was appointed editor of The Observer, O'Brien renewed his professional acquaintance with the Middle East. The Observer's editorial philosophy echoed that of Britain's upscale newspapers. "We believed — collectively and collegially — in the possibility and necessity of a comprehensive settlement, by treaty, embracing both Israel and the PLO," he says.

"I had a hunch the paper's line was wrong," he adds. "I couldn't imagine a settlement concluded between representatives of Israel and the PLO, and then ratified by both the Knesset and the people of Israel and also by a convention of the PLO membership."

Nevertheless, O'Brien deferred to The Observer's Middle East specialists, whose views formed the basis of the paper's policies.

After he retired, O'Brien thought he should finally visit the region. He went to the Middle East several times, spending most of his time in Israel, contributing occasional articles to The Observer.

Around the beginning of 1982, just months before Israel invaded Lebanon, O'Brien began writing a book. "I won't say I decided to write something like *The Siege*, because what I had in mind then was rather different. It was to have been a fairly short 'current affairs' book. But then, when I read about Zionism, I found the subject, and its leading personalities, taking a grip on me in a way I had not expected."

Conor Cruise O'Brien

The Siege, which runs to 798 pages and is critically sympathetic to Israel, is not simply a history of Zionism and the Jewish state, but a chronicle of the political and military problems the Israelis have faced since statehood.

Now being translated into Hebrew, the book will appear in an English paperback edition in January. The reviews, particularly in the U.S., have been positive so far. A typical comment, in The New York Times, noted: "Somehow, O'Brien has achieved the near-impossible: a sympathetic, yet dispassionate, book about Israel and its fixed place in the Middle East."

In *The Siege*, O'Brien posits the view that Israel cannot abandon "all the terrritory" acquired in the Six Day War. "Basic to the idea of the Jewish state was the need for Jews to assure the security of Jews, Gentiles having proved that they could not be trusted in that matter," he writes. "So 'secure frontiers' are a basic requirement for Israel."

O'Brien doesn't think it is wise, or practically possible, for Israel to withdraw from the West Bank. King Hussein, he says, would be running a "very serious risk" if he negotiated *any* settlement with Israel. And the prospect of a withdrawal would trigger huge political storms in Israel.

Furthermore, O'Brien maintains that the gnawing Palestinian problem can only be "mitigated," not solved. He does not believe that a Palestinian state carved out of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip would satisfy the Palestinians, and he warns that such a state, if ever created, would be a focus of instability.

As for the PLO, O'Brien says it is so riven by internal conflicts that it cannot be a party to peace.

O'Brien says, however, that there is room for compromise on the Golan Heights, provided Israel and Syria are able to reach an agreement on Lebanon and on the place of Maronite Catholics in the Lebanese state.

Convinced that his analysis is "more realistic" than that advocated by area specialists to whom he once deferred, O'Brien has no illusions that it will bring formal peace to the Middle East.

Being Irish, he naturally compares the Arab-Israeli conflict to the troubles that have beset his country for more than three centuries. Protestants and Catholics still harbor animosity against each other, and O'Brien fears that the Middle East dispute may similarly "go on and on." Palestinian resentment over Israel's creation, which has been passed on from father to son, is so deep-seated that it simply cannot fade away, he says.

O'Brien, who was here to address Beth Tzedec's Israel Institute, declares that the Arab "siege" of Israel will continue, in some form, into "an indefinite future."

Isn't that tragic? Not necessarily, according to O'Brien: "In certain conditions, the siege could become — for a period at least — a largely latent and almost metaphorical affair. Israel could find itself at peace, in one way or another, with all its neighbors."

Asked if a besieged Israel could go the way of the short-lived Crusader states, he replied: "That must be heartening for the Palestinians to think so. The Crusaders were a small group, with limited power, whereas Israel has a population of millions and a much higher degree of motivation."

Judging by his comments, one might easily get the impression that O'Brien — a classic Christian Zionist — is uncritically pro-Israel. And while there can be no doubt that his sympathies do lie with Israel, it would be a grave mistake to assume he is not critical.

O'Brien, for example, contends that the Yom Kippur War could have been avoided had Golda Meir, the then Israeli Prime Minister, not rebuffed a 1971 peace proposal by Egypt's Anwar Sadat.

Sadat, O'Brien says, offered Israel what amounted to a peace treaty, "the breakthrough David Ben-Gurion had hoped for," and Israel turned it down flat. Abba Eban, the foreign minister, urged Mrs. Meir to treat Sadat's offer seriously, but he was overruled.

O'Brien is confident that the 1973 war would not have broken out if Israel had treated Egypt's proposal with more respect.

"It was the greatest mistake Israel ever made."

If anything, the Yom Kippur War worsened Israel's relationship with Ireland, since it precipitated an Arab oil embargo against Western Europe and the U.S., he notes.

Before 1973, Ireland was pretty much neutral, so much so that when O'Brien was UN representative he was instructed "to give as little offence as possible" to Israel and the Arabs. But after the war, Ireland, in common with the rest of Europe, adopted a harder line toward Israel.

The world oil glut has diminished Arab influence in Dublin, claims O'Brien, a member of the Ireland-Israel Friendship Society. But the continuing tension in southern Lebanon, which occasionally pits Israel against the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (of which Ireland is a member), has ruffled Irish-Israeli relations, he says.

Leading fund raiser and donor in trouble

Boesky sets U.S. community buzzing

By
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Washington Jewish Week

WASHINGTON —

The news that Ivan Boesky, the multimillionaire Wall Street high risk trader, has been fined $100 million by the Securities and Exchange Commission for illegal trading is causing intense discussion in the Jewish community. The fascination with Boesky stems from the financier's close connections with other Jewish financial heavyweights and his influential roles within both the Jewish community and Republican Party politics.

Boesky served as special assistant on Jewish affairs to Frank Fahrenkopf, chairman of the Republican National Committee, and was one of the wealthy Jews who founded and funded the National Jewish Coalition (NJC), a Washington-based organization which encouraged Jews to join the Republican Party. Boesky served as treasurer of the NJC until resigning abruptly recently.

In addition, Boesky served as campaign chairman for the New York United Jewish Appeal-Federation for a 2-year term that ended in July, and is believed to have given several million dollars to UJA-Federation. His best known Jewish philanthropic involvement was with the Jewish Theological Seminary, to which he contributed millions for the construction of the Ivan and Seema Boesky Library which was inaugurated in 1983, to replace the JTS library which had been destroyed by fire in 1966.

Boesky also donated his family's collection of rare Judaica to the library — including 11th-century Talmud fragments, a classic Torah commentary known as *Sifrat Ha'Cohenim* by Hillel Ben Elyakim, kabbalistic manuscripts from the Rambam's school, and five rare communal books from the Jewish community of Pressburg (now Bratislava).

The seminary, which is celebrating its 100th anniversary, appears particularly disconcerted by its Boesky connection. The New York Post on Nov. 19 ran a huge photograph of Boesky being carried aloft by Rabbi Yaacov Rosenberg, JTS's vice-chancellor for development and other seminary leaders during a 1983 Plaza Hotel reception to celebrate the school's receiving a $2 million contribution from Boesky.

Rosenberg declined to comment directly on the Boesky matter, except to say, "I believe from my dealings with Mr. Boesky that his involvement (with JTS) was the result of genuine and sincere interest, and was carried through with the best of intentions." Asked whether JTS is under any moral obligation to return Boesky's money, Rosenberg would only say, "My guess is that this issue should be handled not with haste but with great sensitivity."

Asked the same question concerning Boesky's contributions to New York UJA-Federation, Herschel Blumberg, an honorary national chairman of national UJA, commented, "I would doubt (New York UJA-Federation) would return the money since it is unclear what part of the money Boesky contributed (to UJA-Federation) was made by him through illegal means."

However, according to another source well acquainted with thinking at the New York UJA-Federation who asked not to be identified, "Of course this is going to have a deleterious effect on UJA-Federation. The UJA-Federation campaign has been flat in recent years, and I expect it will actually be deflated in the wake of this scandal. A lot of people are going to say of Federation, 'What kind of an organization is it that would appoint a crook as campaign chairman?'"

Ivan Boesky

Boesky was one of only three members of a group of 14 Jewish leaders invited to the White House by President Reagan to be lobbied on the sale of sophisticated arms to the Saudis, who declared public support for the administration's position. After leaving the meeting, Boesky issued a statement to the press that, "As a Jew I cannot in good conscience be at ease with the sale of arms to Saudi Arabia, but as an American I support and urge support of the President's decision to offer arms to Saudi Arabia as in the best interests of the U.S., Israel, and Jews around the world."

Jacob Stein, a Long Island developer and a former chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, who is also among the founders of the National Jewish Coalition, stressed that Boesky had not been deputized to attend the White House meeting with Reagan by the NJC, but had been invited by the White House to attend the meeting as a prominent individual. According to Stein, "It is hard for me to conceive that what has been revealed about Boesky during the last week determined the position he took during the White House meeting in May."

Chris Gersten, director of the NJC, said last week, "Boesky's resignation will certainly hurt us financially, and we will miss his input. However, I don't expect this will lead to long term damage to the Coalition."

The son of Russian Jewish immigrants who grew up in Detroit, where his parents owned a chain of restaurants, Boesky made his fortune in little over a decade with a career based on risk arbitrage — the buying and selling of stock in companies that are likely candidates for takeovers by other firms. The SEC revealed that Boesky had been phenomenally successful in the arbitrage business because he obtained illegal advance tips on which takeover deals were in the works.

The New York Times ran the names of several investors in a limited partnership with Boesky. They include Martin Peretz, editor of The New Republic, Eli Broad, the head of Kaufman and Broad, a Los Angeles based financial services concern, and Lewis Lehrman, the owner of the Rite-Aid drugstore chain, and Republican candidate for governor of New York state in 1982.

Opinion

Two new and very different rabbis in Toronto

Our religious pluralism is really plural

By
J. B. SALSBERG

As the myriad (kein ayin horeh) of loyal readers of this column know, I scrupulously avoid the danger zones of our journalistic religious wars. I try, to the best of my ability, to maintain a dispassionate and objective position even when approaching the outer precincts of that dangerous Place d'Armes.

J. B. Salsberg

Why then, you may ask, am I now approaching this minefield? The reason is as follows:

Recently the Jewish community of Toronto has been enriched by the addition of two new rabbis. They have been carefully chosen by their respective congregations and each has been honorably and enthusiastically installed.

However, the two rabbis and the two congregations they are to lead are, theologically, culturally and in the concept of Jewish nationhood, separated by a thousand years of Jewish history. Indeed, they might as well live on separate planets.

One of the new rabbis is a woman! Her specific branch of Judaism is the Reconstructionist, the youngest branch on the ancient tree of Jewish religious growth. Her relatively small flock of congregants are, I believe, composed of younger, Canadian-born, middle-and lower-middle class and leavened by a Jewishly-grounded type of intellectuals.

The second of the new rabbis is, of course, a man. His reputation is of exceptional talmudic scholarship. The new rabbi is also ideologically a militant representative of the extreme, uncompromising ultra-Orthodox wing of Orthodoxy. His, I believe, is the ideology that rejects change. It is of an unwavering fundamentalist kind and one that opposes Zionism and the "Zionist state" as it does the preponderant majority of Jewish Orthodoxy that is part of Zionism (like the Mizrachi) as well as those Orthodox sectors that "collaborate" with Zionists and the agencies of the "Zionist government."

My, my — what a distance between the two new rabbis! They do seem to be worlds apart!

Can they be bridged? I doubt it, in the short term. But, if we accept the belief that ideas usually reflect reality; or, that they **follow** major natural and social changes then abridgement is not beyond hope.

All significant changes in the Jewish religious world that occurred during the past century-and-a-half were, quite obviously, prompted and nurtured by the historic social and political changes that took place in Europe where the majority of world Jewry lived at the time. (If any of you have a better explanation why the changes in the Jewish religious world took place when they did and not in earlier centuries then please let me know.)

The fact of the matter is that world Jewry is now in the midst of a far-ranging religious transformation. Hence the cry for the acceptance of the inescapable fact that we are now a pluralistic religious community. Indeed, in my view, we are more plural than is generally known. For instance:

I was born (yes, quite some time ago) into an East European shtetl, in which Jewish religion was monolithic, all-pervasive and of unquestioned authority. Echoes of the German Jews' reformism and the appearance of Jewish secularism, socialism, Zionism, etc. also reached our town, but the age-old religious mold of Jewish communal life remained dominant.

Today, due to all the normal and cataclysmic changes that the world and we, as a people, have experienced we find:

The majority of Jews affiliated with religious institutions are in the Conservative and Reform streams of Judaism. Now, Reconstructionism is inching in. (Yes, there are even a certain type of, what I call, "professional secularists" who have turned secularism into a religious practice!)

Another undeniable fact is that the new streams of Judaism harbor many diverse streamlets within their respective domains. The Reform synagogue has, indeed, many mansions in its sphere: traditionalists and non-traditionalists; yarmulke and non-yarmulke varieties; Zionist oriented and non-Zionist members, etc., etc.

The same condition exists within the Conservative branch. There are "right-wing" and "left-wing" (not politically, of course) orientations. Indeed, there are many "traditionalist" groups that conduct their own services but under the same roof of the Conservative synagogue.

Indeed, even Orthodoxy is in the midst of very painful reorientations and quite modified practices that vary from one Orthodox synagogue to another.

Yes, the world does go 'round. Yes, Jewry is not immune from the all-important changes that follow the world's major social transformations. The two new rabbis that the Toronto Jewish community has now acquired reflect those changes.

So — welcome to both new rabbis! But let us keep up non-antagonistic relationships. Welcome!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters are welcome if they are in English or French, no more than 250 words, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and handwritten signature.

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SAYS HOLOCAUST TRIVIALIZED

I am by no means a fan of the Jews for Jesus sect. But recently I read in a Toronto newspaper called The Subway Link an article in which Rabbi Immanuel Schochet attacked the Jews for Jesus in these words:

"These people are worse than Nazis, because the Nazis only killed Jewish bodies. These people are murdering Jewish souls.

"They are a bunch of hypocrites. Low lifes. They are amoral, and their proselytizing is unforgivable. I can understand drug peddlers more than these spiritual drug peddlers."

I assume that Rabbi Schochet has always slept in a warm bed. He obviously cannot begin to fathom the brutal torture and suffering the Nazis inflicted upon Jews.

To even compare an insignificant sect like the Jews for Jesus with the greatest catastrophe in Jewish history is a desecration of the memory of the victims.

His trivialization of the murders in the statement, "the Nazis *only* killed Jewish bodies," is unbefitting.

S. Kohn
Toronto

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SORRY, WE SLIPPED

Regarding the story about me which appeared in the Nov. 20 edition, I'd like to clarify an important point.

The "practicum" was a program created and executed as a partnership between the Council of Jewish Federations and the United Israel Appeal of Canada Inc.

The story failed to mention the United Israel Appeal.

Neil L. Silvert
Director of development
Hamilton Jewish Federation
Hamilton, Ont.

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KUDOS TO LUNGEN

I am writing to thank Paul Lungen for the crisp, clear and professional job he did on the MAZON Canada story. It told it all and got it right.

I appreciate the article both for the quality of the journalism and for the exposure it will give our program.

Roger Hyman
Toronto

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ONLY POLISH HANDFUL HELPED

R. Tynder, director of the Polish Alliance Press, in his Oct. 2 letter, seems very defensive of the ~~role~~ played by Polish citizens in the rescue of Jews during the Holocaust years.

His impressive quotation of numerous statistics only serves to support my statement that "only a handful of Jews were saved by individual Polish citizens."

If one was to total up all the Jews his statistics claim were rescued, we come to a maximum of 20,000 people. In a Jewish Polish population of in excess of 3 million, it is indeed a handful.

Regarding Tynder's statistical comparison between the rescue of Jews in Poland and those in Holland, let me say that the rescue of 10,000 of 140,000 in Holland is of a much higher percentage than the maximum 20,000 out of over 3 million.

I am only sorry that Tynder has such a defensive attitude. Had he attended my lecture, he might also have heard me mention that, because they were so few, the rescuers of Jews in Poland had to overcome much greater barriers in pursuit of their lofty goals — and that fact makes their actions all the more praiseworthy.

It is with their actions that these courageous individuals saved Poland's national conscience.

Rabbi Menahem Fogel
Spokesman
Yad Vashem
Jerusalem

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SINAI WAR MEMORIES

Re Sheldon Kirshner's Nov. 20 article headed "Traumatic Sinai War produces winners and losers," dealing with the conflict which broke out 30 years ago when Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser nationalized the Suez Canal Company:

I lived in Israel at the time. Every day Israelis were killed due to the closing of the Suez Canal and infiltration of the Fedayeens in the Negev.

With France and Britain, or without them, violence was bound to break out.

Abba Eban, with his kid-gloved hands and smooth talk, could not open the shipping routes. But Moshe Dayan, with soldiers like my husband, could.

My husband, with a French-made special truck and 11 boys, was in Sharm-el-Sheikh in six days. This was never done before in history.

The only cannon was in Sharm-el-Sheikh facing the sea.

He was first to capture Egyptian soldiers and let them stand in the sea up to their knees. The Israelis had to organize a prisoners' camp.

Agi Simhon
Toronto

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GERMAN LAWS BAR RESTRICTION

Dealing for the past 40 years as a member of the German bar daily with restitution cases, I have seen in the past many attempts to break the existing walls in the application of the German restitutions laws which did not achieve anything.

I refer to the recent publicity regarding victims of Nazi medical experiments.

As to the problem of narrow application of the German (self-made) law, take this example:

Widows whose husband had been killed in the Holocaust are entitled to a pension.

If the couple were married in Poland only before the rabbi — a procedure frequently followed — Germany does not recognize the marriage and there is no pension. You can get dozens of cases like this.

Dr. Julius Pfeiffer
Montreal

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SEEKS GRANDMOTHER LINKS

I am pursuing both personal genealogy and a historical research project for the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association periodical, of which I am editor.

My maternal grandmother, Charna Cohen, went to Montreal from Romania before World War I. She died in Montreal in 1932. She had five daughters and one son: Lillian, Minnie, Stella, Rose and Blima, or Betty, who was my mother, plus Moe, the youngest.

He tells me her maiden name was Eisner, or Oizer, and that her relatives took the name Abramovitch in Toronto. David Abramovitch, prominent in Canadian-Israeli affairs, may be a cousin or nephew of Charna.

I have contacts among the Cohens, but among Charna's family, I know no one.

If anyone can recognize a kinship to Charna (Eisner?) Cohen, please write to me either at the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association, Elmgrove Ave., Providence 02906, or the Rhode Island School of Design, College St. Providence 02903, or at my home, 12 Creston Way, Providence 02906, Rhode Island.

Prof. Michael Fink
Providence, RI

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"BAMBI" AUTHOR WAS JEWISH

I recently saw on TV a rerun of the wonderful Walt Disney cartoon film, *Bambi*.

My mother tells me that the writer of the original children's story about the life of a deer in the forest was named Felix Salten. She also says that he was Jewish.

Is this true?

Joshua Gold
Toronto

Editor's note: Yes, it is. Felix Salten (1869-1947) was born in Budapest under the name of Siegmund Salzmann. He later studied in Vienna, where he became a writer of essays for the Neue Freiei Presse, following in the footsteps of his friend and predecessor, Theodor Herzl, who was the father of political Zionism. Salten, who later moved to Hollywood after World War II, was known as a drama critic, playwright and novelist and, of course, the author of the children's classic story, Bambi.

Felix Salten, Jewish author of the classic animal story, Bambi, filmed by Walt Disney, is shown with his two children in Vienna where he worked as a journalist.

World-National

Influence in Eilat grows

Torah scholars form a kollel in tourist city

By
LEAH ABROMOWITZ

EILAT (WZPS) —

Everyone has a stereotyped picture of Eilat: the uninhibited life on the beach; the coral islands; the luxury hotels and the neon lights which give the city an atmosphere of "fun city." But in fact this is only true of lower Eilat.

In upper Eilat, where the native population lives, people are no different from Israelis anywhere in the country: they are continually fixing their cooling system and concerned about the usual Israeli problems of army service, child rearing and generally making ends meet.

To these two contrasting communities a third ingredient has been added. In 1984 an idealistic group of young Torah scholars, most of them army graduates, formed a kollel in Eilat to study Talmud in the traditional yeshiva fashion. Their influence, according to a member of the municipality, has gone far and beyond their number.

What attracts a minyan of religious yeshiva scholars and their wives to settle in a basically secular city far from the Orthodox centres of the country? Michael, one of the founding members answers, "We were attracted by the challenge of establishing a new spiritual centre. People think that just because Eilat is a port city with a flourishing tourist trade, there's no scope for Judaism. We've learned otherwise."

According to Michael there was, prior to the kollel's establishment, already a sizeable religious community in Eilat and it was at their invitation that the Eilat kollel began.

The Eilat kollel was founded in September 1984 by Rabbi Joshua Zukerman, a rabbi at Jerusalem's Mercaz Ha Rar Yeshiva. Rabbi Zukerman and Rabbi Israel Hess, of Bar-Ilan University, had been visiting Eilat periodically over the last 12 years in the framework of Jerusalem's Machon Meir, an organization designed to teach basic Judaism and tradition in outlying areas. It has proven very popular among baalei teshuva but it is different from other such institutions as it encourages a positive attitude to the State of Israel and an involvement in its everyday life. Rav Zukerman and Rav Hess were particularly successful in Eilat in attracting people from all walks of life to begin studying in their yeshiva.

One burly Israeli sailor, for example, was once incensed by a poster announcing a lecture by Rabbi Hess with the catchy title, "Eretz Yisrael Doesn't Belong to the Jewish People." Even though he was rarely a man of thought, the sailor went to the lecture intending to voice his objection in strong terms to the impudent lecturer. When he entered the Machon Meir hall, he heard a quiet, white-bearded rabbi expound his view that the whole world, including the Land of Israel, belongs to God and only He can distribute it as He sees fit. The sailor was intrigued. He came back for more. In the end he went to the Machon Meir Yeshiva in Jerusalem to study for three years and returned a baal teshuva.

Another two Eilat residents, Moshe Lazar, a a former port medical aide, and Azariah Revivi, a veteran municipal worker, who also had become observant through Machon Meir, went to great efforts to make the yeshiva possible by arranging housing and jobs for new members and even day care placements for the children.

Rabbi Eli Sadon, a well known Torah scholar and head of the Eilat Kollel. [WZPS photo by Dubi Tal]

Ten young families and a handful of bachelors formed the basic group. Rabbi Eli, a well-known Torah scholar, was appointed rosh kollel (the head of the kollel). He teaches the group from Sunday through to Thursday and returns to Jerusalem, his wife and seven children, for the weekends.

Contact between members of the group and Eilat residents, at first minimal, soon improved and the polite, friendly and positive attitude of the young yeshiva families gradually made its mark. The kollel members are encouraged by the comments that come their way, and are usually greeted on the street familiarly and with smiles by the local residents.

The men study from 6.30 a.m. until 7.30 p.m. with a 3-hour break at midday because of the extreme heat. They use a large classroom in the religious state school for their yeshiva, and thus have much influence on the youngsters studying there. Indeed, some of the men teach in the schools part time as part of the "meretz" (energy) program, a special project whereby yeshiva students do national service as teachers.

Most of the wives also work, despite having families of one to five children each. They include several teachers, a nurse, a social worker and an administrator. They also engage in extracurricular activites. Last Passover three kollel families organized a mass public seder for 200 Eilat residents — for some the first traditional seder they had ever attended.

One wife coordinates 12 volunteers on national service. Another kollel wife was in charge of the absorption of 25 Ethiopian families who were sent to Eilat, and her colleagues have been actively helping in their integration. Others teach brides the laws of family purity, instruct converts in the basics of halacha, invite students home to learn how to keep a kosher kitchen, assist at B'nei Akiva and give classes or lectures in synagogues and at Machon Meir.

But it is also difficult being in a kollel in Eilat. Michael explains, "The distance from the centre of the country really is a problem. You think twice before you travel for a simcha or a Shabbat." He adds, "The weather in the summer is also difficult. Due to the heat, the children can't go out during a large part of the day in summer and get very restless from unused energy." New recruits are not flocking to the Eilat yeshiva and in everyone's mind is the question of the institution's future.

For the present the feeling of comradeship among the kollel families is high. They are of varied backgrounds: several second generation Sephardim; Americans who wear suits even in 43C weather to synagogue; and children of Holocaust survivors. Yet they have a real community spirit and they share not only the common goal of the kollel but household equipment and babysitting services and often help each other with accommodation for guests and errands in other parts of the country.

"We have initiated a new spirit in kollel learning," says Ra'anan, one of the founders. Until now yeshivot have been established in well known religious enclaves, in new settlements, but rarely in purely secular communities. Many are afraid to attempt such an undertaking and it's a risk," he admits. "But for Eilat," he continues, "it's also a new spirit."

Ellen, one of Ra'anan's neighbors would agree with that: "Odeya and Ra'anan have changed my whole attitude to religion," she says. She mentions the customs her children now observe, like lighting candles on Friday night and making Shabbat a special day, and adds, "and they particularly enjoyed the Simchat Torah festivities which the kollel organized in the centre of town."

At a time when the gap between the religious and the secular seems to be widening in Israel and the tension growing, the Eilat kollel is helping to improve relations between the two communities. "Here is one place where contact, despite contrast, has brought closer understanding and mutual respect."

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DIARY ...of a People

By DAVID BIRKAN

Righteous Gentile Victor Kugler died in Toronto on Dec. 14, 1981. He alone survived the Nazis from among friends who hid and maintained Holland's famous Frank family during the Holocaust.

The Nazis invaded Holland on May 10, 1940, and trapped some 150,000 Dutch Jews, half of them in Amsterdam. They comprised a well established community that included internationally recognized statesmen, scientists, artists, dramatists, academics, and labor leaders, as well as diamond cutters. Caught with them were several thousand refugees from Germany.

The Nazis, accustomed to the compliance of Ukrainians and Poles, were stymied in their initial efforts to deport the Jews by determined resistance from the populace. This was best exemplified by a revolt and general strike in February, 1941. Christians risked their lives regularly to hide Jews, and many later joined them in wearing the Star of David.

The Germans got deportations under way in July, 1942. They began shipping Jews to Westerbork concentration camp in northeast Holland — ironically founded in 1939 as a Jewish-Dutch transit camp for illegal German Jewish refugees — and from there to eastern Europe for "arbeitseinats," forced labor, the German euphemism for Auschwitz. Close to 120,000 Dutch Jews were murdered over the next two years.

Otto's partner

Otto Frank and his family fled Frankfort, Germany, where Anne was born, for Amsterdam in 1933. In July, 1942, Kugler, Frank's Austrian-born partner in their spice business, encouraged the Franks and several other Jews to go into hiding. They stayed in a hidden attic made accessible only through a secret staircase in their warehouse-offices at 263 Prinsengracht, facing a canal on the edge of Amsterdam's old Jewish quarter. For the next 25 months, they were fed, sheltered and protected from informers by a group of Frank's friends led by Kugler. The penalty for shielding Jews was death.

Anne Frank refers to Kugler in her famous diary. His name is changed to Kraler, for safety. She writes: "Miep (a woman, one of Kugler's friends) and Kraler carry the heaviest burden of the eight in hiding — Miep in all she does, and Kraler through the enormous responsibility, which is sometimes so much for him that he can hardly talk from pent up nerves and strain."

Betrayed

In August, 1944, Kugler's efforts and the Franks were betrayed. The hidden occupants were shipped off the death camps; only Otto managed to survive. Kugler escaped before deportation, and hid until Holland was liberated in early 1945. He and his wife Lucy moved to Toronto in 1955.

Several years later, he began to receive some acknowledgement from a community that included a significant proportion of survivors. Early friends in Canada included Charles Wittenberg, founder of the anti-Nazi N3 group, the late Louis Mayzel of B'nai B'rith, and the Canadian Jewish Congress' Ben Kayfetz and Rabbi Jordan Pearlson. In 1977, Kugler was honored by the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews, and later by Hebrew Union College and Yad Vashem. In 1980, he was the subject of a moving CBC television documentary, The Man Who Hid Anne Frank.

Kugler, a humble and unassuming man, shrugged off all praise. "I don't understand what all the fuss is about," he was reported as saying.

Kugler died here at the age of 81. He was memorialized by representatives of the local, Dutch and Israeli communities. His casket borne out of Westway United Church was saluted by members of the Jewish War Veterans and the Canadian Legion's General Wingate Branch.

"When everyone was closing their doors and their heart to the Jews, Kugler opened his wide. He defied the Nazis," Wittenberg told The CJN recently. When Kugler was asked in 1977 why he helped the Franks, he answered: "They were my friends. What else could I do?"

Jewish mouse caught in commercial trap

Fievel stirs Christmas controversy

By ANDREW MUCHIN

NEW YORK (JTA) — What's a nice Jewish cartoon character like Fievel Mouskewitz doing in places like these?

The rodent star of Steven Spielberg's new animated film An American Tail (CJN Dec. 4) is the centre piece of two major Christmas sales promotions, both apparently with Spielberg's blessing. At more than 7,000 McDonald's restaurants across the United States, Fievel is pictured on four facsimile-stocking Christmas tree ornaments, each given free to purchasers of $5 book of gift certificates.

The books also contain a coupon for $5 off a $25 Fievel doll at 801 Sears department stores nationwide. Sears has exclusive rights to sell merchandise based on the movie's characters, according to James Podany, director of marketing communications for Sears Roebuck & Co., Chicago.

Sears is placing the characters on a variety of children's products as a draw for sales during the Christmas season. However, Podany insisted that Fievel is not pictured on any Christmas-related items such as a wreath or tree ornament.

The use of an identifiably Jewish character to boost Christmas sales in incongruous to say the least, isn't it? "I think it's ill-advised" and "tacky," said Dr. Eliot Spack, executive director of the Coalition for Alternatives in Jewish Education. He noted that he was expressing his own opinions, not his organization's policy.

However, he told JTA that the Fievel campaign did not pose major assimilation problems for Jews. "I'm not worried that we're going to lose thousands of Jews over it," he said, explaining that children won't easily identify the mouse as Jewish, since Fievel is an uncommon Jewish name.

He chalked up the Fievel promotions to capitalism. "Chanukah and Jewish linkages have clearly been exploited for many years" in the promotion of Christmas and non-religious events, he added.

Spokespeople for the companies involved, in interviews with JTA, denied any tackiness or incongruity in the use of Fievel. Podany of Sears said the Fievel-centred campaign appears at Christmas-time only to concur with the release of the movie. Marvin Levy, a consultant to Speilberg's Amblin Entertainment and Universal City Studios, Inc., both of Universal City, Calif., acknowledged that Fievel is Jewish and even receives Chanukah gifts in the film, but he said the film is less a Jewish story than one of immigration that fosters universal American values such as the "melting pot."

"No one thought of it with a religious significance," he said of the many Jews, including himself and Spielberg, among the leadership of Amblin and Universal. "We would probably be as sensitive as anybody," he added.

But might not children who see the film and then see the character pushing Christmas sales get the wrong impression of Judaism?

"I really don't think so," he said. "I don't think anybody here thought of it as being as much of a Christmas promotion as a (generally ecumenical) holiday promotion."

According to Terri Capotosto, media relations manager for McDonald's Corp., Oak Brook, Ill., the movie represents American values of inter-cultural understanding, hope and family heritage. Moreover, both Capatosto and McDonald's customer relations representative Chris Garrity noted that families can participate in the Fievel promotion without setting involved in Christmas.

Scenes from the movie are decorating the packages of McDonald's meals for children from Nov. 24-Dec. 24, which each week is accompanied by a different Fievel storybook.

She said she didn't see anything wrong with placing Fievel on the Christmas tree ornaments, and added that McDonald's employees, including Jews, had discussed the issue at length, concluding that Fievel transcended any one ethnic group. But, she said, "We certainly apologize if someone has misinterpreted (the Fievel ornaments). . . . We obviously wouldn't do anything that would offend anybody."

U.S. trade rep sees Israel pact as a model

By JOSEPH POLAKOFF

WASHINGTON — U.S. Trade Representative Clayton Yeutter has returned from a week's stay in Israel full of enthusiasm about the country and its people and with a positive view of the success of the American-Israel Free Trade Agreement that he sees as a model for the U.S.-Canada pact that is being negotiated and other international accords.

Yeutter, a member of President Ronald Reagan's cabinet, explained that he and his wife went to Israel several days early to see the country before participating in the Israeli-American Trade Week in Tel Aviv and talks in Jerusalem about the FTA's first year with Israeli leaders.

"It was a tremendous trip," Yeutter said. "We really enjoyed it. We have to bring our children there." While noting Israel needs more capital investment to advance economic growth, Yeutter said its "economic performance in such a short time is just remarkable when you consider the country began with people from 82 countries and 100 languages."

Yeutter expressed surprise that so many American companies, about 150, had representatives at the fair designed to stimulate U.S.-Israeli trade and mark the FTA's first anniversary. About as many Israeli concerns were represented.

"There is no question," Yeutter said, "FTA is a very positive factor for both countries in trade and will be so in the future. That's inevitable. When trade barriers go trade will grow." While "Israel will be the greater beneficiary," he said, that is "typical" in arrangements between a small and large country. "I have no objection to that. We're both winners."

Israel has sufficient production capacity for exports to the U.S., Europe, Japan or anywhere else, Yeutter said.

"It can increase exports by breaking into the world trade process by finding niches for itself. Korea and Taiwan are doing that," he said, noting the aggressiveness of those Asian nations.

"The potential is there in Israel," he added, with its skilled labor force, educated people and motivation. "It is a matter of putting the human services together in an effective package."

With Israelis' wages much higher than in Eastern Asia, he suggested Israel "will have to do better in coordination as an international competitor." He emphasized "the market isn't going to go to Israel; Israelis will have to knock on doors."

International trade in services is becoming increasingly important, Yeutter said. He felt trade in services — legal, communications, information transfer, computer processes, transportation, tourism — may exceed trade in goods by the end of this century. "Some of this is being done with Israel now," he said.

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But appeal to Supreme Court of Canada is likely

De La Penha's Labrador claim hits the rocks

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL — Yet another chapter in the saga of the de La Penha family's claim on a chunk of Labrador came to a close recently when the appeal division of the Newfoundland Supreme Court dismissed the latest bid by a retired South Carolina doctor.

The court upheld its trial division's ruling in January, 1984, that the statement of claim by Daniel S. de La Penha of Hilton Head Island, SC, "disclosed no reasonable grounds of action," the gist of a 22-page judgment handed down by Chief Justice T. Alex Hickman.

De La Penha had asked the court to recognize him as the lawful owner of about half of Labrador's territory on the argument that the land was granted to his Dutch Jewish ancestor, Rodrigo (Joseph) de La Penha, by King William in 1697.

The land in question runs from Cape Chidley, the northernmost point of Labrador, to Fish Cove Point on the southside of Groswater Bay, a distance of about 590 km.

De la Penha's Washington lawyer, Andrew Samet, told The Canadian Jewish News last week that his client is "95% sure" he will appeal the decision in the Supreme Court of Canada.

De La Penha, 64, who says he is the only surviving male de La Penha, is not the first family member to lay claim to this desolate, inhospitable tract.

Daniel is the grandson of the late Montreal resident Isaac de La Penha (son of his son Philip), who also made a bid for Labrador in 1926 which by the time of his death in 1935 had not been resolved. Isaac, a native of Amsterdam, was an assistant cantor at Montreal's Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue.

Isaac and his three sisters from New York presented their claim on Labrador to the British Privy Council in London, at the same time the governments of Quebec and Newfoundland were in the midst of a bitter dispute over the same territory.

Dutch branches of the family apparently also made the same claim in 1864 to the British Crown and in 1950, with an attempt to be heard by the International Court of Justice in The Hague.

Daniel de La Penha said he has been working on proving conclusively that the claim is valid, on and off, since 1946. "This is the largest land grant ever given to a Jew," he said.

All of these claims have been based on a document signed in 1697 by William, at the time King of England and Prince of Orange, which purportedly grants wide tracts of land in Labrador in perpetuity to the de La Penhas.

The story goes that Joseph de La Penha, a seafaring Rotterdam merchant, took possession of Labrador for the Dutch royal family in 1677. The de La Penhas were one of the earliest and most prominent Spanish (some sources say Portuguese) Jewish families to settle in Holland after the Inquisition.

Some years later, the same de La Penha is said to have saved William, then the Crown Prince, from drowning at sea. In apparent appreciation, William, after he assumed the throne, issued a deed on Nov. 1, 1697 to de La Penha to the Labrador territory. Daniel de La Penha said he found the original document in 1967 at the Royal Commonwealth Society in England.

As far as is known, neither Joseph nor any of his immediate heirs took possession of the land. In the interim, sovereignty over Labrador passed from Holland to France to Britain to Newfoundland (in 1927) and, with Newfoundland's entry into Confederation, to Canada in 1949.

Daniel de La Penha's lawyer in the Newfoundland Supreme Court hearing in November, 1983 argued unsuccessfully that private ownership of land does not change even if sovereignty does.

Isaac de La Penha's case dragged on past his death, with his sisters and widow taking up the cause. With the onset of World War II, the British shelved the case before any final decision.

The Newfoundland crown attorney asked that Daniel de La Penha's claim be dismissed because Newfoundland was given jurisdiction over Labrador by virtue of the 1844 Crowns Lands Act. The earlier petitions by the family to Britain were never valid, the Newfoundland high court ruled. It also agreed Dutch feudal law, under which the land title was granted, does not apply in Newfoundland.

Arms sales debate avoided

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The Knesset struck from its agenda two motions to debate the sale of arms by Israel to Third World countries. MK Matityahu Peled, of the Progressive List for Peace, said Israel was ashamed of its arms customers and they were ashamed of Israel, a reference to the virulently anti-Israel regime of the Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini in Teheran.

Peled said that was why the arms deals were kept secret until they leaked out abroad. He said the Israeli arms industry was overgrown and therefore hungry for new markets.

Rabin, speaking for the government, conceded that the defence industry had to export to survive, but he noted that the proportion of Israeli weapons being used in the Iran-Iraq war was insignificant compared to those of the Soviet Union and other powers.

Rabin also vigorously denied that Israel was providing military aid to the Contras. Israel supplies neither arms, money nor knowhow and has not authorized anyone else to supply arms, money or knowhow or any other aid to the Contras, he said.

He reiterated that all Israel had done was to deliver American weapons to Iran at the request of the American administration.

In other developments:

• U.S. Senator Daniel Inouye said in Jerusalem that the Iran arms sales affair need not damage U.S.-Israel relations, though he thought it possible that Israeli officials would be asked to testify before Congressional committees investigating the matter.

• The senator, who will become chairman of the key appropriations committee when the new Congress convenes in January, reportedly discussed the Iran affair with Prime Minister Shamir, including the possibility that Israeli officials may be asked to testify before Congressional committees.

Shamir told reporters that Israel has received no such request to date, but indicated it would not be viewed askance. "Examinations and interrogation are not necessarily a sign of lack of confidence. . . . At any rate, I am sure that very soon everything will be clear and everyone will see that Israel acted properly," he said.

• Tom Dine, head of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, has urged Israeli and American leaders to "come clean" in divulging every possible detail about arms sales to Iran and U.S.-supported Contra rebels.

Speaking to supporters during a swing through northern California, he stated that it is in the best interest of U.S.-Israel relations to answer the questions that Jews and non-Jews alike have begun to pose.

"Did Israel sell arms to the Contras with the authority of the President of the United States? Did it circumvent American law or manipulate American foreign policy? By selling arms to Iran, has Israel helped Iran's leader, Ayatollah Khomeini, spread his Islamic revolution? These are serious questions, and ones which require serious answers," he said.

Dine stated that "the truth hurts, but it is better to get it out in the short run," and said he is confident that Israel's Knesset will get to the bottom of that country's involvement.

• Frank Carlucci, President Reagan's new national security advisor, had a hand in the 1981 proposal to sell Saudi Arabia AWACS reconnaissance planes, a sale opposed vigorously by Israel and its supporters.

When he was deputy director of the CIA from 1978-81, Carlucci reportedly pushed for arms sales to the Saudis.

• A federal judge in Manhattan has granted an adjournment of all pretrial proceedings in the case of defendants charged with conspiracy to sell American weapons to Iran.

The ruling followed a request by the prosecution that the case be reevaluated in the light of recent disclosures of the U.S. administration's role in the arms deal. One defendant has been added to the indictment, bringing the number of defendants in the case to 18. The trial is scheduled to begin Feb. 2.

Four Israelis are involved, including a former general.

"Arabs in IDF one day"

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Minister-Without-Portfolio Moshe Arens has hinted that Israel's Arab citizens should be allowed eventually to serve in the country's armed forces.

He told a press conference here it was difficult to envisage the ultimate complete integration of the Arab population into Israeli society without their participation in the country's defence. He declined, however, to elaborate because he is in the process of preparing guidelines for government policy towards Israel's 700,000 Arab citizens.

Arens announced the appointment of Brig.-Gen. Amos Gilboa as his senior advisor on Israeli Arab affairs, replacing Yosef Ginat, who was appointed by Weizman. Gilboa, 47, is a former assistant chief of military intelligence and was deputy military attache at the Israel embassy in Washington.

Romanians called rights violators

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quent detention by the militia for several hours, ostensibly for document checks, continue to be common forms of harassment."

The only East European country in which Jews were the victims of human rights violations was Romania, according to the report.

During the period covered by the report, "an historic and unique synagogue and a major Jewish community facility — an old age home housing some 80 persons — were abruptly demolished to make way for urban renewal, despite earlier government assurances to the contrary," the report said. "These actions led to considerable Western concern regarding the fate of other important Jewish facilities in Romania."

The report added that "the Jewish community was also disturbed by an article seeking to show that the 1941 pogrom in Iasi, in which many thousands died, was an event of only minor significance and one for which Romanian authorities bore no responsibility. The Jewish community has protested vigorously, fearing this incident might foreshadow the re-emergence of anti-semitism in Romanian publications.

The state department stressed that the United States delegation to the CSCE followup meeting, now going on in Vienna "has highlighted Soviet and East European compliance failures."

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What's New

By MIRIAM CHINSKY

Thursday, Dec. 11

U.S. JEWISH POLICE CHIEF

Reuben M. Greenberg, a Black Conservative Jew and police chief of Charleston, S.C., will examine Pride and Prejudice — A Continuing Story, when he speaks at B'nai Israel Synagogue, 190 Church St. in St. Catharines, 9 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 11.

Friday, Dec. 12

LOLA JULITTA KANE IN CONCERT

Everyone is invited to hear concert pianist **Lola Julitta Kane** offer a selection of classical and popular music, 2 p.m., Friday Dec. 12, at Cheltenham Nursing Home, 5935 Bathurst St.

Saturday, Dec. 13

SHAAREH HAIM SYNAGOGUE

Shaarei Haim Synagogue of Richmond Hill, will hold a special learner's service at 9.30 a.m. in the M.L. McConaghy Centre, 10100 Yonge St. (just north of Major MacKenzie Dr.).

This service will concentrate on teaching the major prayers of the Shabbat morning service and will include "hands on" instruction in the mechanics of the service. The structure of the prayerbook will also be explained.

Please note that Shaareh Haim is now holding its weekly Saturday morning services at the McConaghy Centre.

Sunday, Dec. 14

LECTURE AT BETH DAVID

The adult education committee of Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Congregation, 55 Yeomans Rd., presents a public lecture featuring **Ronald Appleby**, president, Toronto Jewish Congress, who will investigate The Toronto Jewish Community: Where We Are Headed, on Sunday, Dec. 14, at 8 p.m.

BETH DAVID BROTHERHOOD

Chaim Avron, artistic director of the Toronto Jewish Theatre, will speak on Jewish Theatre — Yesterday and Today, when Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Brotherhood, 55 Yeomans Rd., holds its breakfast meeting on Sunday, Dec. 14 at 9.30 a.m.

RAMAH HAMILTON PRESENTATION

A Camp Ramah slide show and information session is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 14 at 1 p.m. in Beth Jacob Synagogue, 375 Aberdeen Ave., Hamilton. For details, call the camp office in Toronto, 789-2193.

NAREYEVER CONGREGATION

Nareyever Congregation adult education program welcomes you to hear **Rabbi Harvey Meirovich**, who will speak on The Dynamics of Tzedaka: The Study of Talmudic Sources That Analyze Tzedaka As Righteousness, 8 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 14, at 210 Robert St. (north of Harbord, west of Spadina).

For more information call **David Weiss**, 920-6904.

MR. DRESS UP AT B'NAI SHALOM

B'nai Shalom North Congregation brings you special children's entertainment for Chanukah, Sunday Dec. 14, in Westminster School, 366 Mullen Dr., Thornhill. Come and meet, in person, **Mr. Dress Up**. Yes, the one who's on TV with **Casey** and **Finnigan**! Shows are at 1 and 3.30 p.m. (each show — one hour). Tickets, for ages 2 and up are $5 each.

There will also be a Children's Book Fair, as well as items for Chanukah Sale, candles, food, etc.

For tickets, call 731-2797.

BETH SHOLOM BROTHERHOOD

There is no breakfast on Sunday, Dec. 14. Everyone is invited to a Chanukah Party in the synagogue, beginning at 2 p.m. Bring the children and grandchildren - free food, entertainment and refreshments.

HA'ARETZ BUREAU CHIEF

Zvi Bar-El, Washington bureau chief for Ha'Aretz, a leading newspaper in Israel, will speak on The Middle East: A Washington Perspective, at 8 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 14 in the congregation hall of Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CINEMA

The Muppets Take Manhattan is the next movie to be presented in the Young People's Cinema Series at the York Theatre, 101 Eglinton Ave. E. Under the auspices of the Canadian Technion Society, the screening will be Sunday, Dec. 14 at 10 a.m.

Tickets, $5 for adults, $2.50, children, are available by calling 789-4545 or at the theatre. There will be loot bags and door prizes.

PIONEER WOMEN

Na'amat Pioneer Women members are gathering on Sunday, Dec. 14 at 11 a.m. in the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave., for a festive Champagne Brunch to celebrate outstanding membership growth and the resounding success of the 1986 bazaar.

The sparkling music of Mila Kanov will enhance the entertaining program.

JEWS IN PRISON

At the next gathering of the Entertainment and Cultural Connection of Shaarei Shomayim Congregation, 8 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 14 in the shul, 470 Glencairn Ave., **Rabbi Sheldon Steinberg**, director of chaplaincy services, Canadian Jewish Congress, will talk about Jews In Prison: Coping Jewishly in an Abnormal Situation.

Everyone is welcome, and there will be special tables for singles 21-39 and 39 plus, if desired. There is no charge to members, guests, $2.

Co-ordinators are **Sandra** and **Jerry Genesove**.

Monday, Dec. 15

STERLING CHAPTER BBW

Entertainment, boutiques and refreshments are planned for the annual Chanukah Party arranged by Sterling Chapter, B'nai Brith Women, 8:30 p.m., Mondya Dec. 15 at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. Admission is $3.

ATTENTION CHOCOHOLICS

Shoshana Chapter, B'nai B'rith Women of Canada, presents a Chocoholics Dream Night — an evening devoted to the tastebuds.

Chocoholics, or anyone who would like to learn how to make chocolate with Shoshana Chapter, are cordially invited to share in this sinful evening, 8 p.m., Monday, Dec. 15.

For more details contact **Nessa**, 635-6151.

RICHMOND HILL—OAK RIDGES PW

Na'amat Pioneer Women's Richmond Hill—Oak Ridges group will meet on Monday, Dec. 15 at 8 p.m. for a fun program on jewelry. To inquire further, call 636-5425 (days) or 764-0565 (evenings).

Tuesday, Dec. 16

INTERMARRIAGE INQUIRY

A three-part program at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, inquiring how Jewish organizations feel about intermarriage and what they are doing about it, continues at the shul, 470 Glencairn Ave., 8 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 16. At that time, the youth of the community will consider How Important is the Question of Assimilation and Intermarriage to Young People in the Community Today?

Concerned adults are encouraged to attend and hear the concerns and views.

Rabbi Henry Hoschander will moderate. Refreshments will be served and everyone is invited. Admission is free.

Sponsors are Shaarei Shomayim Congregation adult education committee and the Canadian Zionist Federation's Public Speaking Club for Youth.

SHAAREI SHOMAYIM SISTERHOOD

Cantor Harold Klein will sing a medley of lively Jewish songs, accompanied by **Fanny Levitan**, when Shaarei Shomayim Sisterhood offers a Chanukah program at its luncheon meeting, 12.15 p.m., Tuesday Dec. 16, in the synagogue.

Cost for the luncheon is $5. To reserve, phone **Ruth**, 731-6660, or **Rose**, 633-7190.

YONGE—EGLINTON PIONEER WOMEN

Na'amat Pioneer Women Yonge-Eglinton Chapter (30s-40s) invites prospective members to attend its next meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 16 at the home of **Andrea Baltman**. An exciting evening has been planned with **Elaine Waltman** of Visage, Towne and Countrye Square, who will give a makeup demonstration and discuss colors.

For further information, call 636-5425 (daytime) or 884-8559 evenings.

Wednesday, Dec. 17

ASSOCIATED SCIENCE FAIR

The Annual Science Fair of the Associated Hebrew Schools Junior High, will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 17 from 7.30 to 9 p.m. at 3630 Bathurst (corner of Neptune).

Joe Leibovitch, science chairman, notes that over 300 students from grades 7 and 8 are involved in producing a project for class presentation and for Science Fair displays.

The Science Fair is open to the public and admission is free.

BUS. AND PROF. WOMEN'S ORT

Toronto ORT Business and Professional Women's group, is scheduling its annual Chanukah membership program from 6-7.30 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 17. Refreshments and entertainment will be provided, plus an opportunity for women to network.

For more details contact **Marcy Gilbert** at the Toronto Women's ORT office, 787-0339.

Thursday, Dec. 18

JEP/OR SOMAYACH

Thursday evening programs at the Jewish Education Program-Or Somayach Tanenbaum Centre, 2939 Bathurst St. (at Shelborne) continue on Dec. 18 from 8.30-10 p.m., when **Rabbi** Sapirman will talk on Nature and Miracle.

And What Else Is New . . .

CANDY TREES

Yamit Chapter of Hadassah-WIZO is selling candy trees - fresh kosher candies - in a lovely new mug, decorated and delivered, $10 each. Order yours now for the holidays. Call **Noreen**, 633-6163 or **Cori**, 658-0154.

CHILDREN'S CHANUKAH PARTY

Unbelievable feats of magic with **The Great Gordini**, will add sparkle to the Children's Chanukah Party at Shaar Shalom Synagogue, 2 Simonston Blvd. in Thornhill, 11 a.m., Sunday, Dec. 21. There will be refreshments, songs and fun for all.

Admission is $2 for adults, $1, children, family rate, $5. To inquire further, call 889-4975.

WANTED: OVERDUE LIBRARY ITEMS

If you have a few overdue items from the North York Public Library plunged deep in a closet somewhere, now is the time to gather them up and return them.

From Dec. 15 to 21, you may return any item without paying overdue fines.

This is a 1-time only event to give everyone an opportunity to bring back all overdue materials before the fines increase to double their current rate on Jan. 5.

So come on, root through your hiding places and bring back those books, records, etc. No one will reproach you or lecture you about your errant ways. All is forgiven.

SENIOR VIP SPEAKERS

The Senior Volunteers in Public Service, a specialized service of the Metropolitan Toronto Volunteer Centre, promotes volunteerism among older adults. It is expanding its volunteer speakers' committee, whose members talk to employees and the general community about the volunteer option during retirement.

Potential committee members should be interested in public speaking and have a background in volunteer work. You will receive training to develop confidence and improve presentation and speaking skills.

If interested, please call the Volunteer Centre, 481-6194.

HOLIDAY GIFT WRAP

Chaverim Chapter, B'nai B'rith Women of Canada, will look after your holiday gift wrapping at the Promenade Mall (Bathurst north of Steeles) on the main floor outside Peoples Jewellers, from Dec. 12 to Dec. 24.

Have your gifts beautifully wrapped and support the fine work of B'nai B'rith Women.

OAKVILLE MOMS AND TODDLERS

Shaarei Beth El Congregation, 186 Morrison Rd. in Oakville, will be starting a Mom and Toddlers Group in January. All those interested, call

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MAINTENANCE PROJECT

Rabbi David Monson (far right) presents a plaque on behalf of the Shaare Zedek Medical Centre of Jerusalem to the Farband of Lithuanian Jews and Masada Chapter in appreciation of their endowment of a major maintenance project. Accepting for the organizations are (from left) Fania Klaczkowski, Sam Rapaport, Helena Derlachter and Fay Lichtblau. The hospital is represented in Toronto by the Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation, 781-3584.

CANCER RESEARCH

The Workman's Circle (Arbeiter Ring) Social Club has donated $8,000 for cancer research to the Princess Margaret Hospital. Proudly presenting the check to Dr. Peter Ottensmeyer of the Princess Margaret research department are (from left) Anna Stern, Sophie and Louie Edelist, WC chairperson Shirley Grotell, Ethel and Les Barnett.

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Sally Clare, 336-5713. Also, any donations of toys, art and craft materials, etc. would be gratefully received.

ADATH SHOLOM NEW YEAR'S PARTY

Mila Kanev and her band, will entertain at Adath Sholom Synagogue's New Year's Eve Party, 8.30 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 31, at 864 Sheppard Ave. W. Enjoy great dancing, a full course dinner catered by **Leo Winnick**, open bar and party favors.

Tickets, $50 per person, are available at the shul office, 864 Sheppard Ave. W., phone 635-0131.

CAST MEMBERS WANTED

The Heritage Players of the Wagman Centre, directed by **Nathan Garnick**, are open for new cast players to assist with their next production. They are looking for lively 55ers Plus, who are interested in singing, dancing and backstage activities. Rehearsals are held every Tuesday from 1 to 4 p.m. in the assembly room of the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave.

Contact **Roselle Stone**, 633-2057.

SHALOM VILLAGE IN HAMILTON

Here is a list of this month's events at Shalom Village in Hamilton: Thursday, Dec. 11, 7.30 p.m., **Marvin Rosenshein is organizing a Chanukah Party with Chris Lovett playing the piano; Sunday, Dec. 14 at 2 p.m., Mrs. Nisman and Children** offer a musical afternoon; Tuesday, Dec. 16 at 7.30 p.m., the Winona Buds and Blossoms Square Dance Groups will perform; Wednesday, Dec. 17 at 1.30 p.m., **Gloria Silverman** speaks on Jewish Culture; Sunday, Dec. 21 at 2 p.m., **Syd Levy** plays the piano; Tuesday, Dec. 23 at 7.30 p.m., there will be a Chanukah Party with entertainment and refreshments; Sunday, Dec. 28 at 8.30 a.m., a Men's Breakfast is planned and on Wednesday, Dec. 31 starting at 8.30 p.m., is the New Year's Eve Party.

The ongoing programs continue through December.

Remember, the volunteer ladies serve a delicious lunch in the Garden Lounge on Sundays. Residents, family and friends from the community, are very welcome. Everyone is also invited to attend Shalom Village programs.

To inquire, phone 528-5377.

NEW YEAR'S AT BETH DAVID

Dance to the music of **Paul Mathew and his Orchestra** and enjoy dinner by **Peter Graben**, at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Brotherhood's New Year's Eve Party, Wednesday, Dec. 31 at 8 p.m. in the synagogue, 55 Yeoman's Rd.

Reservations may be made through the synagogue office, 633-5500.

YOUNGSTERS' CONCERT

Toronto Women's ORT is staging a concert for young children featuring **Sandy Offenheim and Family**. Shows are at 1.30 and 3.30 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 8, in Northview Heights Secondary School auditorium (Bathurst and Finch).

Tickets at $4.50 each, are now available for holiday gifts. For more information, call 787-0297 (days) or 736-0235 (evenings).

BAYCREST NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care needs your help. Where? — In arts and crafts and games programs assisting residents and patients. When? — At a time during the day, that is suitable to you. To join in this rewarding experience, please call 789-5131, ext. 2572.

Baycrest Centre has openings for volunteers to help in the snackbar with cash and counterwork, daily from 9 a.m. - 2.30 p.m. To volunteer, please phone 789-5131, ext. 2572.

TRINITY THEATRE

Trinity Theatre invites you to attend Silver Creek: A Fantasy Adventure, by **Alan Richardson**. A weekend on their uncle's farm offers two city kids a new understanding of animals, relationships and responsibility. Silver Creek is ideal holiday entertainment for the whole family.

Performances are at Alumnae Theatre, 70 Berkeley St., Dec. 19 - Jan. 4 at 7.30 p.m. Tickets are $5.50 for adults, $3.50 children and seniors. Sunday matinees at 2.30, PWYC.

For tickets, call 365-0159.

VOLUNTEER FOR SCHOOL

Muki Baum Treatment Centre, a day school for multi-handicapped children at Dufferin and Wilson, needs weekday volunteers to assist classroom teachers with language development, reading and math programs, or perhaps teaching social skills. Resource materials and orientation are provided.

The Centre also needs volunteers on Monday and Friday mornings at the Douglas Snow Aquatic Centre (Yonge and Sheppard) to help young children develop enjoyment of the water, or to teach swimming and life saving skills to teenagers.

If you can help, please call the Volunteer Centre, 481-6194.

PROF. RAVITSKY AT BETH TIKVAH

Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave., (between Finch and Sheppard), is organizing a weekend with Hebrew University's **Avievner Ravitsky**, recipient of a Fulbright Research Fellowship, and currently a visiting professor at New York's Yeshiva University.

On Saturday Dec. 13, at the 9 a.m. Shabbat service, Prof. Ravitsky will give the sermon, The Religious and Secular in Israel — Beyond Confrontation.

Shacharit services are at 9 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, and following a complimentary breakfast at 9.45, the professor will talk on Peace, Land and Morality in Israel — A Religious Zionist Perspective.

SNOW CONNECTIONS

To assist senior citizens and the handicapped, the City of North York has a Snow Connections program which offers a snow removal service.

This program connects students who wish to earn extra money by shovelling snow with handicapped individuals and those over 60, and in need of the service. There is a $5 minimum per hour with a one hour minimum charge.

To find out more, or to obtain registration forms, interested students, seniors and disabled people may contact the centre closest to your home: Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, 1003 Steeles Ave. W., 221-7227; Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave., 787-2002; North York Seniors Centre, 1 Empress Ave., 222-7669; Taylor Place, 1 Overland Dr., 447-5074.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

Persons interested in Martin Luther King Jr. Day Commemoration at Harbourfront on Jan. 19, are asked to contact **Ed Providence** at 657-1465 or Dixon Hall at 863-0499. All are invited to planning meetings at Dixon Hall, 58 Sumach St. each Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

HERITAGE BIRTHPLATE.

A heritage birthplate illustrated by Canadian artist **Cara Goldberg Marks** with a teddy bear and other tots' paraphernalia, is now available. Made of bone china, it provides a personalized record of a new baby's arrival with lettering done by hand in 24 carat gold.

For more details, phone 674-6077.

BETH EMETH NEW YEAR'S PARTY

Book early for the Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Brotherhood New Year's Eve Dinner Dance in the shul, 55 Yeomans Rd., Wednesday, Dec. 31, beginning at 8.30 p.m. Seating will be limited to assure your comfort.

Dance to the music of **Bill Drew and his Orchestra**, enjoy excellent food, an open bar, party favors and noisemakers.

Tickets are $115 per couple. To reserve, call the synagogue office, 633-3838.

ADULT DAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Free classes are available in a variety of subject areas to help adults get back in the workforce, to improve English (as a second language) skills, or just for general interest.

For information, phone **Joyce Kittle** at Lewis S. Beattie Secondary School, 223-4130. Beattie is located on Drewry Ave., one block west of Yonge St.

at the jcc

The JCC North Y, Community and Family Services Department, is once again planning a winter break program, Winterlude, for children ages 2-11 years, Monday, Dec. 22 to Friday Jan. 2. A wide range of activities, specialties, outings and special events are offered. Don't miss out on this exciting way to spend the winter break! Space is limited. For more information call **Elizabeth** or **Miriam**, 636-1880, ext. 228.

Enter the magical Chanukahland on Sunday, Dec. 14, 10.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. (ages 2-6), and enjoy a fun-filled day of arts and crafts, games, latkes, face painting, balloons and clowns. There will be free facility uses throughout the day for all ages. Call **Liz** for more details, 636-1880, ext. 228.

It'a a family Chanukah celebration at the JCC North-East Valley, 7015 Leslie St., 2-4 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 21. Something for everyone includes holiday arts and crafts, bingo, musical games, cooking, food of the season, a musical kids traveling group and, of course, the traditional candle-lighting ceremony. Fee is $7 for member families, $10 for non-member families.

Give your children a great winter break. Sign them up for Winter Fun Days at the Bloor JCC during the holidays. Every day a different specialized workshop is held; each day is filled with games, swim and other activities. Cost is $12 per day for members, $15, non-members. To inquire further, call **Sarah**, 924-6211.

Take part in holiday festivities on Sunday, Dec. 21, at the Bloor JCC party for all ages, 12.30 - 3 p.m., with tasty food, music and much more.

The Bloor JCC, at 750 Spadina Ave., offers a Good Age Club to interested members of the community. Thursday afternoon Drop-In, providing a social and informative program, meets at 2 p.m. All are welcome. Cost is $5 membership for one year, plus 50¢ for members, 75¢, non-members, weekly, to cover refreshments. For additional information call **Florence Maran** or **Annette Anker**, 924-6211.

singles

A new **Contract Bridge Club** for singles (25-45) is being formed. Members will gather on a regular basis. There is no charge. For more details call **Jerry**, 787-4352.

JCC Valley Ski Club presents its 2nd annual Wine and Cheese Party. Come and join in 8.30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 20 at The Valley, 7015 Leslie St., for a great evening. There is no admission charge. For more information on this, and on ski events for the 1986-7 season, call **Jodi** or **Michael**, 889-0813.

Total Living Mature Singles anticipates an entertaining program with belly dancer **Tova**, at the next general meeting, 8 p.m., Sunday Dec. 14 in Earl Bales Community Centre, Sheppard and Bathurst. Refreshments will be served and everyone is welcome. Admission is $2 for members, $3, non-members. The next dance is Saturday, Dec. 27.

Floating Singles Congregation gathers at 8.15 p.m., Friday, Dec. 19 at 8.15 p.m. in Temple Sinai, 210 Wilson Ave., for services and an Oneg Shabbat. **Rabbi Jordan Pearlson** will examine Man-Gods and God-Men, The Chanukah-Christmas Link.

A **Trivia Club** for singles and single parents (ages 21 and up), is being formed. The group will meet on Sundays and there is no cover charge. To inquire further call **Bayla**, 731-9199.

Jean Jablonski, co-ordinator of Community Health at Humber College, will offer Lectures on Human Behavior, when **Beth Tikvah Chai Singles Group** meets on Sunday, Dec. 14 at 8 p.m. in the synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave. Admission is $3 for members, $5, non-members. Refreshments will be served.

And, Beth Tikvah Chai Singles will have a New Year's Eve Dinner Dance Party on Wednesday, Dec. 31 starting at 8.30 p.m. in the downstairs hall of the synagogue. There will be a buffet dinner and music by a disc jockey. Admission is $25 for members, $30, visitors. Reservations must be made in advance and paid up by Dec. 21. To reserve, call **Isaac** at 925-6572, **Barbara** at 494-5516 or **Rose** at 226-1854.

Join the new co-ed group, **Club Jericho** (ages 23-40), whose aim is to hold social, cultural and religious functions geared to the Jewish heritage. For additional information on the group, time and place of events, call **Dan** at 781-6027, 782-1588, or **Sandra** at 787-3465 (no Shabbat calls).

Baby boomers will have a chance to get acquainted at the next Meet Your Match Via Computer Party. Your completed questionnaire is fed into a computer which will match you with five people in the room. Participation in the game is optional, and watching can be as much fun as playing. There will be dancing and light refreshments.

It's all happening Sunday, Dec. 14, 8 p.m. at

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OLD TORONTO

H. Max Swartz likes to give as well as to receive. Swartz (centre) was honored by the City of Toronto for having the foresight to preserve and renovate old Toronto buildings. In return for the city's commendation, Swartz presented Mayor Art Eggleton with a map of Toronto as it was in 1875. Joining Swartz at a reception in the mayor's office was his wife Serry. [Graphic Artists photo]

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Gigi's Place, 1954 Yonge St. (one block north of Davisville). There is complimentary parking — exit onto Imperial St. Cover $8, includes cost of computer game. This is hosted by **High Society**, 783-8520.

Effective January, 1987, all parties for the Professional and University Educated Group of High Society will be by invitation only. If you would like to receive an invitation for future functions, please call High Society, 783-8520.

Join **Club Moriah** (ages 20-40) for its coming events. Tuesday, Dec. 16 is the next Meal and Movie Night. Meet at 6.30 p.m. inside the lobby beside the Bank of Montreal — street level — and the stairs to the subway, on the southwest corner of Yonge and Eglinton.

On Sunday, Dec.21, the group will be seeing Sholem Aleichem at the Leah Posluns Theatre. For more information phone **Ray**, 638-6005 or **Jeffrey**, 783-3019 (evenings), three days in advance or leave a message on the tape.

for seniors

Reserve now for the **Beth Tzedec Friendship Club Plus Fifty** Chanukah Party in the synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St., Tuesday, Dec. 16 at 1.30 p.m. Enjoy the 25-voice Creative Living Choir under the direction of **John Herberman** and a latke lunch. Cost is $3.75 per person. Phone 781-3511.

It's a jubilant week for seniors of the Bloor JCC. Festivities begin Tuesday, Dec. 16 at 1 p.m. when **Coffee House 60** will be cooking up delicious latkes. Then on Thursday Dec. 18, join the **Good Age Club** from 2 - 4 p.m. for its Chanukah Party. Entertainment, special food and fun, are all part of the afternoon. The holiday light continues on Sunday, Dec. 21 with the JCC party for all ages, 12.30 - 3 p.m. There will be great food, music and much more.

Call **Sarah**, 924-6211 for more information on these events.

Seniors' groups at the Bloor JCC will take a break after Dec. 21 until Tuesday, Jan. 6, when activities will resume.

The line and ballroom dancing at **Earl Bales Seniors' Place** is now in full swing. Come out on Wednesdays from 7.30-9.30 p.m. and have an enjoyable evening with **Ada Goldblatt**. There is no charge. Earl Bales Seniors' Place is in the park at Bathurst and Sheppard.

A Fashion Show presented by Caravan Clothes, with **Ada Lewis** at the piano, is slated for the annual **Shaarei Shomayim Seniors'** Chanukah luncheon, Monday, Dec. 22 at 12.30 p.m. in the synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave. Come and enjoy a special afternoon. Cost is $3.50 for members, $4, guests.

Reservations are still being accepted for a winter vacation at Miami Beach. A choice of nine hotels assures you of a great holiday. For additional information call **Lena**, 785-5773 or **Ruth**, 224-5923. Also, keep in mind the California and Las Vegas trip planned for May 6 -24. It is not too soon to make reservations.

Labor Zionist Alliance Senior Citizens Club meets daily at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave., from noon to 4 p.m. Light lunches are available.....The Cultural Circle meets on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. to noon for interesting lectures and discussions. On Dec. 16 there will be a news review by **Adam Konetsky**.

And, on Wednesday, Dec. 17, from 10 a.m. - noon, the final distribution of tickets and information for the January trip to Miami, takes place at the Centre.

The Best Years, a show on aging produced by **TV Ontario**, continues on Tuesday, Dec. 16 and 23 at 10 p.m. This program features a variety of informed guests who examine stereotyping, health-care services and the rights and activities of seniors in the community. Panelists will include feminist broadcaster and journalist **Laura Sabia**, chairwomen of the Ontario Advisory on Senior Citizens, **Ivy St. John** and 30 year veteran of Baycrest Centre, **Sam Ruth**. For more details call toll-free 1-800-387-8411.

It's a Chanukah Latke Party for **Temple Sinai Seniors**, 210 Wilson Ave., with **Bluma** performing an international selection of songs, Tuesday, Dec. 16 at 1 p.m. Admission is $7.50 per person.

There will be a meeting for members only of **Earl Bales Seniors Place**, Thursday, Dec. 11 at 2 p.m. in the community centre (Sheppard and Bathurst), to nominate candidates for the executive and board of directors. You must show your membership card. Refreshments will be served.

Everyone is welcome when the **Workmen's Circle Social Club** meets for lunch and entertainment at noon, Tuesday, Dec. 16 at 471 Lawrence Ave. W. At the Dec. 23 meeting, tickets for the Miami trip will be distributed and they must be picked up then. For details, call **Shirley Grotell**, 222-7727.

Beth Sholom Seniors will observe Chanukah at their next meeting, 7.30 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 17, in the synagogue, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W. Guest for the evening will be **Rabbi David Monson**. This is the last gathering for the group until March.

Winner of the raffle prize, a trip for two to Florida, is **Mrs. Rose Turner**.

Now you can have tasty **Terrace Take-Out** meals for only $5 daily (Friday dinners, $7). These can be prepared for salt-free, bland, diabetic or regular diets. To order your meals, just purchase your Take-Out ticket at the Wagman Centre office and bring it to the food services office. Meal tickets must be purchased a day in advance. To inquire further, contact **Sharon**, 785-2430.

On Dec. 11, The Law and You, a lecture series in co-operation with the Canadian Bar Association of Ontario, Thursdays, 7.30-9 p.m. in Room A and B of the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer, will feature **Brian Horlick**, explaining Selling Homes, Buying Condominiums.

The Wagman Centre Joy of Theatre planning committee is arranging an evening at the Tarragon Theatre, 30 Bridgman Ave. (Bathurst and Davenport), 7.30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 18. The play is **Erika Ritter's** Murder at McQueen.

Thursday, Dec. 11 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m., is the time for the annual Chanukah Craft and Plant Sale at **The Wagman Centre**, 55 Ameer Ave. Come early for clear-out prices. Many items will be sold at cost.

Meet the Author, at **The Wagman Centre**, showcases **Miriam Waddington** discussing her new volume of poetry, 10.30 a.m. in the fireside lounge, Thursday, Dec. 18. Admission is free. RSVP 789-5131, ext. 2273, or register at the desk.

How physically fit are you? Find out by taking a fitness test to check cardio-vascular efficiency:aerobic fitness, body weight and fat distribution, lung capacity, muscular endurance. This is by apppointment only and the cost is $10. For more information contact the physical fitness staff at 789-5131, ext. 2431.

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Friendship Club is holding a general meeting in the synagogue, 100 Elder St., on Sunday, Dec. 14 at 1.30 p.m. Please note that 1987 membership cards, at $7, are now available.

Join the group for an enjoyable Chanukah sit-down dinner with entertainment by **Neil Luftspring** and a mystery singer on Monday, Dec. 29 at 6 p.m. Several valuable door prizes will be awarded. Everyone is welcome. Cost is $12 for members, $15, non-members.

Holy Blossom Temple Alumnae, 1950 Bathurst St., look forward to a Chanukah Luncheon with entertainment on Wednesday Dec. 17, at 1.30 p.m.

CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

An Oneg Shabbat:Luncheon and Study Group with **Rabbi Moses Burak** is scheduled for 11.45

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BUTTONS HONORED

Movie and television comedian Red Buttons (right) has been honored for his humanitarian efforts by the Israel Cancer Research Fund at the organization's 10th anniversary ball in New York City's Hotel Pierre. Businessman Leonard Goldstein, member of the Friar's Club and chairman of the Tower of Hope Ball, presented the award. The Israel Cancer Research Fund has, to date, awarded 300 grants totaling $3.5 million.

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Feuerstein calls for support

Youth Aliyah draws praise

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON — Hamilton Hadassah-WIZO chalked up its most successful Youth Aliyah campaign opening event yet with the first visit here of Dr. Reuven Feuerstein.

The occasion was the annual Youth Aliyah brunch, held at Temple Anshe Sholom this year, and the attendance, as past president Gilda Gunn commented later, "was the best I've seen in my 35 years in Hamilton."

The famed Israeli psychologist and educator drew a standing ovation as he appealed for the financial and emotional support needed by Youth Aliyah in its continuing work of training and educating emotionally disturbed, culturally deprived children and young people previously thought to be "uneducable."

"Youth Aliyah is not yet ready to give up on children," said Feuerstein.

Youth Aliyah, he told his audience, is an example of how miracles can be made to happen. Citing several case histories, he described how severely disturbed, deprived or retarded children and teenagers had been trained and rehabilitated under the program to the point where they are now able to lead independent, productive lives.

The philosophy of Youth Aliyah — rescuing such children and teenagers and giving them an opportunity to lead productive and fulfiling lives "has spilled over into other developments and into other countries."

The theories and techniques developed in his Instrumental Enrichment and Mediated Learning Experience program "is now being offered in eight languages and sought after by ministries of education and government of other countries."

The program has been adopted by the Sorbonne University in Paris, by Venezuela, Switzerland, Spain and Italy "and we have even been approached by an Arab country which I cannot name, through another country which I cannot name," he went on.

However, he explained that the Arab country can use the program only provided its origin is not disclosed and a decision on how to overcome this has still to be reached.

Opening the program, Marilyn Levy told the assembly that "it was my day at Hofim (the Hadassah-WIZO youth village and absorption centre) that firmed up my commitment to Youth Aliyah."

Levy and Lila Strub are co-chairmen of this year's Hamilton Hadassah Youth Aliyah campaign.

"Every child deserves a future and every child needs a future to serve as his goal," declared president Beverley Lasky.

"The future of Israel needs every child" and it is through the support of Canadian Hadassah-WIZO, she continued, that such people as Feuerstein "provide Israel and her youth with a bright and promising future."

Israel is known throughout the world for her diamond industry, said Lasky, "but in truth, Israel has two diamond industries . . . one is those wonderful jewels we wear as adornments, the other are the uncut diamonds of Israeli youth that we welcome into our hearts."

"Dr. Feuerstein and his colleagues in our other projects are changing and molding these diamonds in the rough into precious jewels which will be the assets of Israel's future."

Feuerstein was introduced by vice-president Ilana Feldman and thanked by past president Claire Mandel.

VISITING CONSULTANT

At the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Centre in Jerusalem, orthopedic surgeons Dr. Edward P. Habermann (left) of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine and Montefiore Hospital and Medical Centre in New York, and Prof. Allan Gross, head of orthopedic surgery at the University of Toronto and at Mount Sinai Hospital, are seen with Einav Shohan Weinberg, head nurse of the suite of 17 new operating theatres recently opened in the Hadassah Hospital.

UJA CAMPAIGN LIFE-LINE

Participants in recent Synagogue Division Telethon got together for photo before getting down to work. Standing from left to right are: Al Rich, Wilf Yaphe, Charles Kasner, David West, Max Zeifman, Joe Lester, Irving Green and Jerry Genesove. Seated are David Stokes and Harry Handler.

While most of the divisions are winding down and getting their cards completed, Business & Professional Women's Network is continuing its series of programs which have proved so successful in the current campaign.

Just last week an evening program held at Beth Tzedec Synagogue dealt with volunteerism. It was organized by **Elaine Kahn** and **Bertha Gold.**

Panelists were **Elinor Caplan**, MPP; Reconstructionist **Rabbi Deborah Brin** of Temple Darchei Noam; and **Anne Golden**, United Way Campaign Director.

B&P Co-chairmen are **Bruria** and **Glennie Lindenberg.**

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The final 1987 Physicians Division Telethon brought a number of doctors for a good evening's work of telephone card coverage.

Present, of course, were Co-chairmen **Drs. Stuart Gordner, Joel Kirsh** and **Irving E. Rosen,** along with their medical colleagues **Harry Krakowsky, Stuart Egier, Howard Langer, Howard Price, Lorne Sidenberg** and **Howard Stevens.**

Covering cards in his own division were Podiatrists Division Chairman, **Dr. Sheldon Nadal.**

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The final breakfast meeting of divsional leadership in the 1987 campaign brought out another respectable attendance in the wee hours of the morning despite the heavy fog and generally miserable weather.

But the outside gloom was pretty well dispelled by one upbeat report after another of percentage increases holding up right to the countdown.

But, as Campaign Chairmen **Max Handelman** and **Adrienne Offman** stressed, we are far from finished. Even taking into account Clean Sweep Week, there are a great, many cards still to be covered and completed.

When we do that, there is little doubt that the 1987 campaign will be the most successful Toronto UJA effort on record, including the Yom Kippur War campaign!

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Advertising and Public Relations Division Chairmen **Pegi Gross** and **Jerome Shore,** who were at the breakfast meeting, arranged for a mini-telethon immediately following the early morning session.

They lost no time getting on the phones, working through till noon. Joining the chairmen were **Gayle Enzel** and **Phyllis Grossman.**

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Leave it to **Robert Cherniak** and **Fred Winegust** who chair the Computer and Hi-Tech Division, to come up with the unique, to say the least.

Their second program, scheduled for Wednesday, December 10, is definitely a UJA first.

The guest speaker is former Refusenik **Dr. Ovsei Gelman,** a cyberneticist, disaster planning expert.

The evening program, which begins at 7:30, will be held--are you ready for this--at the Metropolitan Toronto Police Staff House and will include a tour of the Emergency Operations Headquarters on Jarvis Street.

Dr. Gelman will speak on "disaster planning and a personal odyssey."

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Operation Realize, initiated in the 1987 campaign, and chaired by the venerable **Nat Hurwich,** has more than proved to be a great idea. Along with such first-rate canvassers as **David Green, Bill Dunn** and **Ben Samuels,** the group of veterans has virtually run a mini-campaign within the campaign, and it has definitely paid off.

A brain-child of Max Handelman's, Operation Realize came into being, because, as Max pointed out early on in the current campaign, "a percentage of former contributors somehow fall between the cracks" and barring ill-health or personal financial hardship, should be reminded once again of the reality of Jewish needs, and the importance of commitment.

The four succeeded in doing just that, beyond all expectations, as Nat Hurwich reported at the final breakfast meeting.

Gentlemen, our commendations!

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We'll be reporting on Clean Sweep Week in the next column.

What's New

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a.m. - 1 p.m., Friday, Dec. 12 in the auditorium.

A Jewish Social Etiquette class with **Terry Winston**, continues Friday Dec. 12 and 19, from 1 - 3 p.m. in the library. This is open to members and all seniors over 65 free of charge.

Migraines — What Are They and What Can Be Done About Them? will be considered when **Dr. Warren Goldstein** explains causes, how age affects the condition, and methods of relief, Thursday, Dec. 18 at 1.30 p.m.

Enjoy a traditional Chanukah Luncheon with entertainment by singer **Ruth Slater** and a junior choir from United Synagogue Day School, noon - 2.30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 19. Cost is $4.50 per person and this is for members only.

Come out and buy your gifts at the Creative Living Holiday Craft Sale, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Friday Dec. 19, in the cafeteria.

About People

VIGODA ELECTED

Toronto resident **Morris Vigoda** has been elected assistant secretary of the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods (NFTB) and the Jewish Chautauqua Society (JCS) for a 2-year term. His election took place during the 31st Biennial Convention in Philadelphia.

Vigoda was brotherhood president, program chairman and JCS chairman of Holy Blossom Temple. A founding member and first executive secretary of B'nai B'rith's Upper Canada Lodge, he is a life member of the Commercial Traveller's Association of Canada.

Vigoda and his wife **Deborah,** have two children.

AWARDS FOR RABBI YERES

Former Brantford Rabbi **Moshe Yeres,** who received his PhD from Bernard Revel Graduate School, Yeshiva University, has earned the Rothman Memorial Award for excellence in Jewish graduate studies and the Rabbinical Centennial Award.

Moshe Yeres

Rabbi Yeres is married to the former **Esty Frankel,** daughter of **Faigy Frankel** and the late **Rabbi Israel Frankel.**

He is now serving as rabbi at B'nai Shalom Synagogue in Waterbury, Conn.

VANDERMEY ON CEMETERY BOARD

At the 73rd Annual Convention of the Ontario Association of Cemeteries, held in Toronto, **Frank Vandermey,** manager of Beth Tzedec Memorial Park, Willowdale, was re-elected to the board of directors for the year 1986/87.

Frank Vandermey

Vandermey, educated at Northview Heights Secondary School and through a correspondence course from Guelph University, is married and lives in Willowdale.

Organizations and People

Message of 86 Negev Dinner honoree Dr. Gerald Halbert

Young people urged to get into fund raising

By
DAVID BIRKAN

TORONTO —
Dr. Gerald Halbert, honoree of the Toronto 1986 Negev dinner, urged young people to become involved in local and Israel-oriented fund raising for the benefit of everyone.

"This is my single message here tonight," he said, on being presented his Jewish National Fund award by friend and fellow fund raiser **Murray Koffler,** the 1979 Negev dinner honoree. Some 1,200 guests attended this year's annual affair, held recently at the Royal York Hotel.

"Israel needs the Diaspora more than ever before," said Halbert. "Her internal economic problems and cutbacks in education" make Israel particularly dependent on funds from abroad, he said.

"And as important as the dollars raised are the time and commitment that the volunteers put in."

Halbert added: "Volunteers meet new people, make new and lasting friendships, and rub shoulders with the community's leadership. They are on their way to success."

Halbert credited **Dr. Ralph Halbert** "for shaping a kid brother's philosophy of life. He went into dentistry; I went into dentistry. He first visited Israel in 1960, and I in 1962. All the rest followed."

Winnipeg's **Saul Zitzerman,** national president of Canadian JNF, described the tribute evening as "a world class event. By honoring Gerry, we are making a firm commitment to what Judaism stands for."

Alan Posluns, president of Toronto JNF, called Halbert a "warmhearted, energetic and deeply committed individual."

Dr. Charles Gold, dinner chairman, said that "all were impressed and motivated by his (Halbert's) leadership."

Others cited included the leaders of this year's dinner campaign, **Sid Bearg, Al Mandel** and **Mark Sager.** It was the most successful to date.

Canadian JNF's latest undertaking, to plant trees down 400 dunams of Mount Scopus' barren eastern slope, was stressed by several of the speakers and in a special audio-visual display. The latter, Legacy, by Alex Mogelon, also referred to completed Canadian JNF projects in Israel, including Galil Canada and Canada Park.

In the past 85 years, Legacy pointed out, "the JNF has brought hundreds of thousands of acres back to life."

Cups of hot steaming potato and leek soup greeted guests arriving on the brisk cold Sunday evening.

The centrepiece at each table was a temporary metal sculpture of blue and white JNF pushkas, to be taken home individually at the end of the evening.

The dinner, with service and tributes, was a streamlined affair that began at 7 p.m. and ended promptly at 9.30. As in recent years, it dispensed with U.S. or Israeli guest speakers, "the entertainment," in the words of one observer.

The meal was catered by Peter Graben Associates. Appropriate dinner music was provided by Yitzhak Argaman and Friends.

Dr. Gerald Halbert (centre) and wife Tootsie are presented JNF scroll by (left) Dr. Charles Gold and Murray Koffler. [Graphic Artists photo]

Chanukiah to grace intersection

MARKHAM —
A 10-foot-high "symbol of religious freedom" will light up Bayview Ave. and John St. in late December reminding Jews of their identity and heritage.

Rabbi Avraham Plotkin, head of the Markham branch of Chabad Lubavitch, has persuaded the Markham council to allow the huge chanukiah (Chanukah menorah) to grace the corner for the eight days of the Festival of Lights.

Initially, says Plotkin, the council rejected the proposal fearing that many other religious groups would want the right to display their symbols.

But Plotkin convinced the members that this is a free society, and the menorah is a politically neutral symbol. "The menorah celebrates the freedom from religious persecution and oppression. That's why it would be appropriate," he says.

Council members debated the issue and agreed the chanukiah did not violate any bylaws. They also noted that permission was given to erect Christmas trees in the town. The only stipulation they made to Plotkin was that the tree not bear Lubavitch's name — that it be a community symbol.

"My intention is to increase the level of Jewishness and identity," says Plotkin. "That's why it will be there — not as a promotional piece."

There are many Jews in the area who are unaffiliated, says Plotkin. "They need to see something Jewish to identify with.

"Some never go through the Jewish area and never see the Jewish symbols along Bathurst. This is the future community here, so it is very important that they have these Jewish symbols."

Plotkin says the chanukiah was donated by Irving Biller of IWB and Associates and will be lit each night of the festival.

On Sunday Dec. 28 at 2.15 p.m. there will be a special children's program at the Bayview and John community centre, and about 4.15 p.m. the guests and town officials will go out to light the candles of the chanukiah, says Plotkin.

The Markham branch of Chabad Lubavitch serves as an outreach centre for the Jewish community living in the northeast corner of Metropolitan Toronto and Markham.

Programs include Friday night and Saturday morning services, a pre-school for children, couples groups and a ladies' club.

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Organizations and People

Abstention on peace conference

Canada's vote downplayed

By
MARK DODICK

TORONTO —

Canada's uncharacteristic abstention on a United Nations vote supporting an international Middle East peace conference represents no serious change in its relationship with Israel, the Israeli vice-consul here said recently.

"I don't think there is any great significance," to this action, Moshe Benzioni told a group assembled to hear about current trends and prospects in the Middle East.

Benzioni was a last minute replacement for Dr. Yosef Lapid who was to have delivered an Israel Update presented by the Canadian Jewish Congress Community Action for Israel Committee and the Canadian Zionist Federation at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. Lapid was stranded in Ottawa by inclement weather.

"Countries don't like to be in a tiny minority; it's quite understandable," said Benzioni.

The vote for the resolution was 123 in favor and three against with 19 abstentions. Canada had opposed an international forum since 1983, preferring bilateral talks between Israel and the Arab states.

Charles Svoboda, head of the Canadian UN mission's political section, said the change in voting reflects an attempt to balance Israeli and Arab views.

The change was made; he told the General Assembly, because peace initiatives undertaken by then Prime Minister Shimon Peres with Morocco, Egypt and Jordan showed some promise; and because this year's resolution avoided the "extraneous elements and offensive language," previously directed at the U.S. and Israel.

"I don't think we should read anything into this," said Benzioni. "Much more significant is a country's policy over a long time. One vote one way or another really doesn't make a difference

"We are willing to negotiate with any state in the Middle East (through direct negotiations) as we were two years ago. We are not willing to negotiate in an international conference in which our enemies would take part.

"Today it doesn't look like negotiations will proceed. We are not on the verge of any great breakthrough and we are not optimistic about it."

On the recent and continuing Iran arms scandal in the U.S., Benzioni said that Israel has played only a "subsidiary" role in the entire affair.

Why did Israel sell arms to Iran ? "The reason is very simple. The President of the United States asked us to do it. Israel became involved because of a direct American request."

And, he noted, "Israel is low on the list of arms suppliers to Iran."

Benzioni said he did not believe the fallout from the affair, including the change in personnel at the National Security Council would have any great effect on U.S.-Israel relations.

"I don't think it will really matter because support for Israel in the U.S. today is so broad that changing one or two people in the bureaucracy won't make much of a difference.

"I also don't think (new National Security Advisor, Frank) Carlucci (who previously supported arms sales to Saudi Arabia) is hostile to us. I haven't seen any evidence of it."

The overall theme stressed in Benzioni's address is that the Israel-Arab conflict is but one small dispute in an area of great strife.

"Most of the problems in the Middle East have nothing to do with Israel," Benzioni said, citing as examples the Iran-Iraq conlict, the civil war in Lebanon, the war in the Sahara, and internal power struggles in various Arab countries.

But the Iran-Iraq war is the most threatening to the world because, "these are countries who show no moral restraint...if they could, the war would be far worse than it is today."

Multicultural grant received by JIAS

TORONTO —

Jewish Immigrant Aid Services of Canada has received a $26,000 grant to help cover the cost of the programs it administers on behalf of the Ontario ministry of multiculturalism.

The award was one of 78 multicultural service program grants totaling $2,392,000 given to community groups which assist immigrants and promote multiculturalism, Lily Munro, Ontario minister of citizenship and culture, announced recently.

"The MSPG awards are to help with salaries, rent and office expenses," Munro said. "These operating grants allow local groups to run their programs 12 months of the year. That stability is important for newcomers at a time when everything is changing in their lives."

JIAS helps Jewish immigrants find housing and jobs and aids in financial and general adjustment problems. Last year JIAS helped 495 Jewish families or 997 individuals settle in Canada.

The Ontario Multicultural Association also received a grant of $4,050.

Riot gives BBers cause for concern

TORONTO —

Three senior B'nai B'rith officials who witnessed a recent riot in Jerusalem returned here more determined "to eradicate racial tension and prejudice wherever it may occur."

President Harry Bick, President-elect Ralph Snow and Executive Vice-president Frank Dimant wanted to watch, and later report back to the membership, a memorial ceremony and march into the Old City for a murdered yeshiva student.

Within a few minutes of arriving at the scene, Bick said they were trapped between a menacing crowd of Arabs and an equally frightening crowd of mourners.

"The scene quickly became ugly and the military was required to disperse the crowds."

Snow, a Holocaust survivor, said that there were tense moments and "the crowd could have exploded.

"Having witnessed violence in my lifetime, I understand that the current tension in Israel is part of the birth pangs of a new nation," he said. "We are confident that the goodwill of the overwhelming majority of the population in Jerusalem will overcome the hatred of individuals against one another."

Dimant expressed the hope that "we will see an end to the murder of innocent civilians at the hands of terrorists."

Actually...

In a Nov. 27 CJN story on Christian proselytizing among Jews, Steve Cohen was identified as head of Toronto's Congregation Melech Yisrael. Cohen is actually Canadian director of Jews for Jesus. Hans Vanderwerf is head of Congregation Melech Yisrael.

North York Chanukah

NORTH YORK —

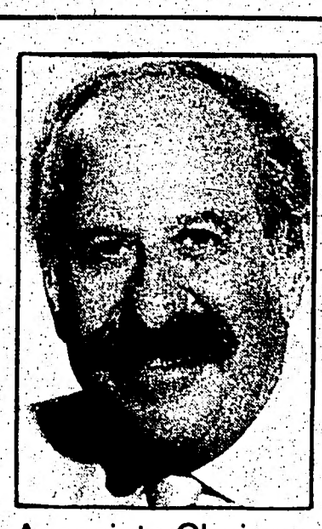
A pre-Chanukah celebration, organized by the JCC Northeast Valley Branch, wil be hosted by North York City Hall on Thursday, Dec. 18, 7.30-9.30 p.m. as part of the city's holiday festivities program.

It will take place at North York City Hall, 5100 Yonge St.

A variety of ethnic seasonal presentations are scheduled there, beginning with an Italian luncheon on Friday, Dec. 5 at noon and concluding with a blood donors' clinic on Jan. 7.

The mayor's New Year levee will take place Thursday, Jan. 1, 2-4 p.m.

For more information, phone the public information office, (416) 224-6086.



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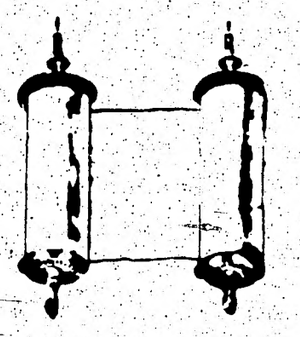

sparks from the torah

By
RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN

Parshat Vayeitzei

A Jew must never give up. We must see everything with sunny eyes.

Reb Meir Premishlaner was a poor tzaddik who supported his family from milking the one cow he owned. Each Wednesday he would gather charity to give the poor for Shabbat.

One week there was no money to be had, nothing to give. The poor were waiting. He slaughtered his cow, and gave out fresh meat to the poor families.

The next morning his wife went to milk the cow — and no cow! She ran to her husband: "The cow is lost!"

"No," he reassured her. "It just went to Heaven. . . ."

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Everyone must walk in the night sometimes, the deep dark times in life. Threats to health, to livelihood, to love.

Gloom descends — what to do?

Consider . . . Father Jacob ran away from his brother Esau, who wanted to kill him.

"Vayifka bamakom . . . And he reached a certain place and stayed there all night for the sun had set. . . ." Vayifka means that Jacob reached a certain place. But "vayifka" also means that he "prayed" at that certain place. Our rabbis taught that right then Jacob inaugurated the first maariv evening prayer.

But why then? Why there? Why did God cause the sun to suddenly set, and deep darkness to descend?

It teaches two things. In every person's life there are times that, God forbid, the sun sets and there are tzorus. We ask God, why? Why me? Why us? Why now? There is no answer, just faith. Will a Jew give up, will he doubt? That is God's test, that was Jacob's test.

But Jacob did not sit still. Vayifka bamakom." He prayed! Yaakov tikein tefillat arvit! He did not surrender to despair and say, there's no way out. He prayed. He had hope. He demanded God's help. And it came!

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A Jew must never lose faith, must never stop praying.

For what? What was Jacob heading for, looking for? A shidduch — he wanted to find a soul mate. God performed another miracle — kefitzat haderech! The way was suddenly quickened, shortened. Jacob thought he would have to look high and low to find a mate. At the right time, with the right prayers, he found one suddenly, unexpectedly.

Today there are thousands of Jewish men and women who are looking for mates, a husband, a wife, to establish a home, to share love.

The statistics say it's hard. At a certain age, the balance of available men and women is out of kilter.

What to do? Give up? Never! A Jew prays, a Jew tries, a Jew finds.

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Life is struggle.

Said one Maggid: Life is like a dreidl. In our whole life we spin from here to there and there to here to make a living, but in the end the dreidel grows shaky and then finally falls down still.

May we always turn to good things. Shabbat Shalom.

Appleby warns of polarization danger

Entity to "mediate disputes" urged

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

A spokesman for a committee on religious pluralism has recommended that the local Jewish community establish "a permanent entity" to "mediate disputes" that may arise between the different streams of Judaism.

Toronto Jewish Congress president Ronald Appleby said the pluralism committee which he appointed and chairs found "problems" relating to halacha and the different approaches to communal life that have taken root in Toronto.

Appleby told the monthly meeting of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region, that the proposed committee should have a number of functions, including determining which scholars might be appointed to mediate disputes by giving advice on matters like fund raising and on holding community-wide events such as a Yom Hashoa commemoration.

"We have to eliminate all the excuses and tension," he said. "The committee has to develop high levels of scholarship and engage people to provide us with assistance and advice" on a number of issues.

He said the entity would be devoted to scholarship, mediation, referral of problems, research, holding seminars and workshops.

Appleby said problems between the Orthodox, Conservative and Reform branches of Judaism centre on issues of status and halacha as well as on fund raising.

Many, though not all ultra-Orthodox do not participate in United Jewish Appeal campaigns, he said. "And there are rabbis in Israel, the U.S. and Toronto who have said an Orthodox person should not give to UJA...The Reform community says they ought not give money to a yeshiva because it is opposed to Reform as a form of authentic Jewish life.

"There is a tremendous danger of increasing polarization when people use the community fund raising as a lever for political purposes," he said. "This issue goes right to the top of the question of impact of the lack of tolerance and the polarization of religious elements in the city.

"A lot of learning and sensitizing has to take place," Appleby said. The proposed inter-group committee will be expected to advocate a specific program to develop "a unified community that recognizes the diversity that exists."

The 9-man committee investigating religious pluralism consists of Henry Koschitzky, Phil Schwartz and Kurt Rothschild from the Orthodox wing, Don Carr, Sam Cohen and Appleby from the Conservative and Bernie Ghert, Gordon Wolfe and Phil Epstein from the Reform.

In other business, Alan Feld said that on a recent visit to the Soviet Union he saw "hope and pain evident in the eyes of Refuseniks."

Feld said one of the most "eloquent statements of the indomitable spirit of these people" was Simchat Torah celebrations in Moscow. More that 2,000 people jammed into Moscow's shul to hear Nobel Prize winner Elie Wiesel, who led the mostly elderly congregation in Yiddish songs.

"People who wrapped their siddurim in newspapers because they were afraid to be seen on the street with a Hebrew book, these people sang and they wept — sharing with Wiesel the one day of the year they are allowed to openly act like Jews."

Outside the synagogue, 15-20,000 people danced, not with the Torah but with guitars, singing Russian songs and doing the hora. Even in the midst of the celebrations, one could see uniformed police officers walking through the crowd, he said.

Afer an hour, the crowd again surprised him, Feld stated. "In my life I had never seen anything like this before. Despite all the harassment, despite all the attempts to break the Jewish spirit, they had the courage to literally scream Hatikvah in the prison that Moscow has become. It was absolutely incredible."

That scene became "a metaphor" for the 380,000 other Refuseniks who have not lost hope of leaving for Israel, Feld said.

Despite the display on Simchat Torah, Feld said the situation of Soviet Jews "is a desperate one." Only 20,000 of Moscow's 700,000 Jews participated in the celebration and of those, very few knew Hebrew, Yiddish or anything about Judaism in general. "Spiritually, Judaism in the Soviet Union is dying and dying very quickly.

"It is not less than a life and death problem," Feld said. The Soviets will allow Jews to leave "if they feel the cost of keeping them captive comes too high."

As a plan of action, he urged Canadians visit Soviet Jews when possible. Letters should be sent to Members of Parliament and to the Soviet government.

Families should adopt a Refusenik family and write to them monthly. Letters to Refuseniks are their "lifeline" helping them feel "part of Klal Yisrael, the greater Jewish community," Feld stated.

Speaking on a related matter, Wendy Litwack, co-chairperson of the Congress Committee for Soviet Jewry, urged everyone to send greeting cards to Alexey Magarik, a Refusenik arrested on trumped up charges.

She urged her audience to attend a Refusenik roll call at the Ontario Legislature on Dec. 10, International Human Rights Day, when flowers will be dedicated to each of 140 Refuseniks who have been refused exit visas for more than 13 years.

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Norman Stern (left) and Aaron Weinstock flank Michael Albeck.

"To spare" the curse of atrophy

Marmur: Always challenge

TORONTO —

The vitality of Reform Judaism is dependent upon communication, says the senior rabbi of Holy Blossom Temple.

Rabbi Dow Marmur said at the temple's recent annual meeting that it is necessary to seek answers to new questions that Jews ask which the old order cannot answer. These answers lead to more questions and the cycle is continuous.

"It is a way of making sure that Judaism is spared the curse of atrophy which has turned other ancient religions into museum pieces."

In citing Desmond Morris' theory on human behavior in The Naked Ape, Marmur said that the tendency to be attracted to the new is called neophilia and this is contrasted with neophobia or fear of the new, considered potentially dangerous.

This, he said, is Reform Judaism's greatest obstacle.

"Characteristically, the most vehement attacks on Reform that you and I are likely to encounter come from people who know little about us," he said. "They criticize us precisely because they don't know us — and they don't know us because they want to criticize us."

Marmur stressed that the conflict between new and old is a human trait irrespective of religious orientation.

"The implication is that the opinions we hold are often the result of this conflict within us, not the cause of it," he said. "We are all both attracted and repelled by the new, and we form opinions accordingly."

The rabbi said this is why people are prone to espouse new causes and make daring pronouncements all the while being quite frightened to act on them.

"Even Reform Judaism, the most powerful method in modern Judaism to satisfy the neophilia of Jews, is also the victim of neophobia: we tend to say much more than we do; and we prefer to say it in ways that will exempt us from acting on it."

Marmur, again citing Morris' theory, said the tension between the new and the familiar works itself out into a natural balance and progression.

"In the Jewish community, Orthodoxy has taken up the conservative stance and Reform the radical posture," he said. "In this scheme of things, it seems that the two need each other to project the aspects of themselves they cannot cope with in their own institutions.

"Thus Orthodoxy has a need to make out Reform as rushing headlong into disaster, whereas Reform tends to see Orthodoxy as a prescription for stagnation," the rabbi added. "Much of the polemic between them is more a reflection of subjective needs than objective facts."

Marmur stated that the question of Jewish unity is crucial and that it can best be furthered by a combination of assertive formulation of the Reform stance and a conciliatory readiness to make sacrifices, if the other side reciprocates.

Prof. Frederick Zemans succeeds Gordon Wolfe as president of the congregation. Other officers are: Richard Krelstein and Nancy Ruth, vice-presidents; Dr. Franklin Pulver, financial secretary; Diana Goodman, treasurer; and Roger Hyman, secretary.

Bar-Ilan U termed moderating influence

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —

Bar-Ilan University acts as a moderating and reconciling influence between extremist elements in Israel, according to both its new president and to the incoming president of the Toronto chapter of its Canadian Friends.

"Bar-Ilan," said biochemist Michael Albeck, on a visit here from Israel, "is one of the few places in Israel where the Orthodox and non-Orthodox learn to live with and respect each other in an academic environment."

He and Toronto's Aaron Weinstock, were addressing an open meeting of the Friends, held recently at the new Baycrest Hospital.

Said Weinstock: "Bar-Ilan is the only university in the world that fuses the finest of western culture and science with traditional Torah values of ethics and morality."

Weinstock cited as an example the Orthodox university's responsa project, in which halachic discussions and decisions from over the centuries are being computerized.

Leona Finkler, national president of Canadian Friends of Bar-Ilan University, installed the incoming executive of the Toronto chapter, including, in addition to Weinstock: Dr. Tovi Comet-Walerstein, vice-president; Norman Stern, chairman of the board; Helen Daniels, secretary; Allen Friedland, treasurer; Al Gellman, public relations, policy and planning; and Lou Zeifman, liaison officer.

Citation plaques were presented to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Rotman, for their donation of a laboratory to the Marilyn Finkler Cancer Research Centre at Bar Ilan, Dr. and Mrs. Edgar Citry, who gave a generous donation to the Centre, and to Mrs. Faye Steinberg and her children, who donated a cell storage room in memory of her husband Isadore.

Dr. Albeck discussed innovative experiments at Bar-Ilan on the autoimmune system of the human body. It is hoped that the results of this intensive research will be beneficial in the treatment of cancer and of AIDS.

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Group marks first anniversary

Committee for Ezrath Nashim honors Zaretsky

Seen at a recent Toronto Committee for Ezrath Nashim Hospital event are (from left) Lena Sugar, president; Dr. Stanley Greber, head of the advisory committee; Dr. Ruth Zaretsky, founding president; and Dr. Howard Donsky, guest speaker.

TORONTO —

Dr. Ruth Zaretsky was honored by the Toronto Committee for Ezrath Nashim Hospital in Jerusalem for her work as the committee's founding president at a recent function to attract new members.

The committee, which devotes itself to raising money to further research in Alzheimer's disease at Ezrath Nashim, is marking its first anniversary.

During the past year, it has hosted two concerts, an art show and a fund raising evening, and has turned all profits over to the hospital.

The guest speaker for the evening was Dr. Howard Donsky, associate professor of medicine at the University of Toronto and author of the book, Beauty is Skin Deep. Donsky spoke on Common, Contagious and Dangerous Skin Diseases.

The committee is planning a gala concert to be held Feb. 4 at Beth Tzedec Synagogue featuring Maureen Forrester (contralto), Rivka Golani (viola), Patricia Parr (piano) and James Campbell (clarinet).

Tickets will be available through all BASS outlets, Leah Posluns Theatre, Negev Bookstore and both locations of Israel's The Judaica Centre.

The Toronto Committee for Ezrath Nashim Hospital welcomes new members. For further information, contact coordinator Shula Robin at 630-4253.

BBI role for Ottawa's Smith

WASHINGTON —

Moishe Smith of Ottawa has been appointed a member-at-large in the organization's international board of governors by Seymour Reich, B'nai B'rith's new president.

Earlier this year, Smith was one of five recipients of the B'nai B'rith Label Katz Young Leadership Award. Named in honor of the youngest president of B'nai B'rith, the award is presented annually to a maximum of five men under the age of 40 who have "demonstrated outstanding service to the totality of B'nai B'rith and have worked to achieve the goals of the B'nai B'rith Young Leadership program."

Smith, who is 36, is the youngest of this year's winners. He also is the youngest vice president of B'nai B'rith Canada.

A member of the adult division for 17 years, Smith has served in numerous positions at the lodge level, among them fundraising and community volunteer services. In 1984-85, he was president of Parliament Lodge.

On the national level, Smith was chairman of B'nai B'rith Canada's community volunteer services program and this year was chairman of the national convention.

Smith also represented B'nai B'rith Canada in many events with the government, including the Soviet Jewry program in which 25 mayors across the nation named Refuseniks in the Soviet Union honorary citizens of their communities.

Smith is also active in other communal organizations, including the Jewish Community Council of Ottawa, the United Jewish Appeal, and the State of Israel Bonds. He is a member of Machzikei Hadas Congregation and heads its annual fund raising campaigns.

As a member of the international B'nai B'rith board of governors, he will be serving on the organization's top policy-making body.

Moishe Smith (centre) receives Young Leadership Award from B'nai B'rith's then-President Gerald Kraft, during the organization's international convention in August.

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Intermarriage forum speakers stress:

Programs to bring Jews back to Judaism needed

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO — Representatives of various Jewish organizations stressed the necessity of outreach programs to bring unaffiliated and non-practicing Jews back into the mainstream at a recent public forum on intermarriage held at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue.

"Intermarriage is one of the prices we pay for living in an open society in which less than 50% of Jews are affiliated in any way with a synagogue," said Leon King, president of the Canadian Council of Liberal Congregations.

He said that in order to increase these numbers we must "start at childhood and reinforce in our children a love of Judaism."

King said that by encouraging children to participate in Jewish rituals at home and by providing youngsters with the opportunity of going to summer camps involved in creative Jewish living, youngsters are left with a lasting impression of Judaism.

Participating in the second of a 3-part series sponsored by the Adult Education Committee of Shaarei Shomayim were King; Rabbi Irwin Witty, executive director of the Toronto Board of Jewish Education; Gordon Wolfe, excutive director, Jewish Family & Child Care Service; Rayzel Robinson, executive director of Jewish Student Federation, York University; David Woolf, chairman, National Conference of Synagogue Youth; and Mark Freedman, executive director of United Synagogue of America (Ontario Region).

David Woolf agreed that Jewish identity and commitment should begin at an early age. "We have to light the spark of Judaism in youngsters so they can carry it with them for life."

He said his organization runs such things as the Free Jewish High School and a Jewish floor hockey league so Jewish youngsters can learn about Judaism and form strong bonds of friendship.

Rabbi Witty told the group that the Jewish day school system "is one of the shields against intermarriage. Through education one finds an intensified Jewish consciousness," he said.

He added that the percentage of intermarriage among day school graduates is lower than the regular population.

According to Mark Freedman, the 33% intermarriage rate in Canada is largely due to people staying away from Jewish oriented events. "We have to get Jewish kids together and show them that Judaism is a part of life."

Rayzel Robinson said that more effort must be made to attract single adults to Judaism. "We must develop creative ways to reach these people," she said.

She added that people should make an effort to introduce Jewish singles.

Gordon Wolfe told the group that the Jewish Family & Child Service runs Jewish Dateline, an introduction service for Jewish singles. "We must get Jews dating Jews," said Wolfe.

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Recently released Refusenik Kushnir:

"Now I must help my friends in Russia . . ."

By
WENDY ROSEN

TORONTO —

He won the battle but is still fighting the war.

Alex Kushnir, called Sasha by his friends, left Odessa 3½ months ago for Israel but the tall, handsome man who speaks halting English just completed an 11-city North American tour sponsored by the American National Conference on Soviet Jewry and Canadian Jewish Congress' Canadian Committee.

"I know the real situation and try to explain the need for help," he said. "For me, it would be better to be in Israel but my name means something and I have to use it to help the cause of freedom.

"Now I must help my friends in Russia — every day they're in danger."

Kushnir, who now lives in Tel Aviv, said that upon his return to Israel he will turn his attention to finding a job and building a family — "it's time — I'm 39." That is something he put off since it's harder for a married man to be granted an exit visa because of the wife's family.

"I don't have any close relatives left in Russia."

Kushnir, who was born in the Ukraine, served in the Soviet navy from 1967 to 1970 and this was used against him in efforts to leave the country.

"I was a seaman not an officer so I knew no national secrets," he said. "I was a little chief in a little office on a ship."

Following this, he studied civil engineering in Vilnus, a city in the Baltic Sea area — an area that, because of its proximity to Swedan and Finland, tends to be more Western.

He was in school only a few months when tragedy struck the family — his father, a civil engineer, died. Kushnir quit school to support his mother and younger brother, now 32 and a civil engineer and captain in the Israeli army.

Alex Kushnir

He worked days as an apprentice electrician and went to school nights. It took six years to get his degree.

In 1973, the Kushnirs discussed emigrating to Israel. He was told that there would have to be a 5-year lapse between his last day of naval service and his application. Three months after his mother and brother applied, they were granted exit visas.

"Permission generally came easier then. We thought it would only be two years until we were together again.

"I based all my plans on that," he said. "My brother and I are good friends — we planned to work together."

So when Kushnir applied for an exit visa in 1975 and a refusal was mailed back to him in 1976 "it came as a shock.

"I understood then it would be a long time before I got out."

Six months later, he reapplied as he did perhaps another 10 or 11 times. Refuseniks are allowed to reapply every six months after receiving a refusal.

"One time I waited 18 months to hear back so it actually was two years between applications."

He explained that the crucial first step in applying for a visa is possession of a personal, written invitation from a close relative in Israel.

"The Soviets don't give you any help in getting that letter," he said, explaining that Refuseniks' and activists' mail is routinely searched and put in a KGB basket as is any mail from capitalist countries.

"If you have a lazy person, an envelope might slip through."

When asked whether he ever stopped believing he would get out, Kushnir replied, "There's always hope ... it's impossible to live without it.

"Only in the last few years was I really encouraged ... It was either Israel or Siberia ... it was a 50 - 50 chance of either.

"Now I can joke about it but the situation there for my friends — some are in jail — is not a joking matter."

Kushnir said as far as he's concerned the key reason why about 300,000 Jews want to emigrate to Israel is the lack of Jewish day schools where children could learn their history and language.

He said that although he took Hebrew lessons, the KGB frowns on Jews learning their language. He also took English in school and practiced it with foreign visitors.

"If you're a Jew in Russia, it's impossible to be free. It's hard to be a Jew in Russia."

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(Left to right) Dr. Arnold Finkler, Lifetime Honorary President; Mrs. Mollie Rotman; Sam Rotman; Aaron Weinstock, President, Toronto Chapter; Dr. Michael Albeck, President, Bar-Ilan University.

Sam Rotman, a well known Toronto philanthropist, was honoured recently by Bar-Ilan University. Dr. Michael Albeck, President of the University, presented him with a plaque in recognition of his generous contribution to cancer research at the University.

Mr. Rotman has also established a Project for Yiddish and Yiddishkeit at Bar-Ilan University, and will be honoured again in early 1987. He will also become an Honourary Fellow of Bar-Ilan, in appreciation of his commitment to the University.

Mr. Rotman came to Toronto in 1922 and pursued a career in the real estate business. He has studied Talmud since childhood and is a true believer in Yiddishkeit. It is his hope that others will follow his lead and give Bar-Ilan University their support. His philosophy of life is that only through giving from one's heart can one receive.

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Thanks to the persistence of Carol Slatt

Two new kosher wines are coming to the LCBO

By
DAVID BIRKAN

TORONTO —
Kosher wine drinkers will be able to say L'chaim and Happy Chanukah with two new listings coming into the LCBO, thanks to a sophisticated and determined Toronto woman.

They are President Haim Sparkling White, at $10.15, and Prince George Red, $6.80, from France's Clovis Lesieutre et Cie.

"The kosher area has opened up considerably in the past few years," said Carol Slatt, of Lorac Wine and Food, and Lorac Kosher Wines. "The demands of younger, more sophisticated people are making themselves felt. The Jewish community, not only here but around the world, is making it worthwhile for both new and established vineyards to produce kosher wine."

She adds: "There are three dozen major winemakers in Spain, the U.S., France, Israel and Italy who produce kosher wines for export. Each could produce some three to six products. New York State alone has a whole range of companies, whose wines run the gamut from very dry to ultra sweet." Wineries in California's Napa Valley are also developing their kosher line, she noted.

Her two firms, one distinct from the other, handle about 30 kosher and non-kosher wines, liqueurs and brandies. She is also one of Toronto's sacramental wine agents, who arrange special orders for synagogues.

Slatt's least expensive kosher wine is a dry red lambrusco from Italy, at $4. Also available from Lorac Kosher Wines is a $30 French champagne, Roi David.

"You don't have to hide being kosher," she said.

Slatt told The Canadian Jewish News that she first approached the LCBO 2½ years ago to add more kosher listings. Other agents also did. Since that time, "the LCBO has responded well to the needs of the Jewish community. They've brought in many more kosher products."

Among the trial listings, or "one-shots," as Slatt calls them, has been Yarden Sauvignon Blanc, which just sold out at $11.30 a bottle. The white wine was described by New York Times writer Thomas Friedman as "a unique blend of Israeli grapes, grown on former Syrian-held territory by Israeli kibbutzniks, turned into wine by a California vintner with the help of Orthodox Yemeni Jews working with Italian equipment and French barrels."

Despite, or perhaps because of, its pedigree, Yarden Sauvignon Blanc has earned an international reputation. "The LCBO sold it here in its vintage wines store as part of the regular line; it was not singled out as a kosher product. It went well," she said.

Yarden will be back as soon as supplies are available from the relatively small winery.

Slatt, whose interest in wines began many years ago while accompanying her professor husband Dr. Bernard Slatt to postings in Europe, began studying the subject intensively nine years ago. She holds an advanced level certification from George Brown College. As a member of the London-based Independent Wine Education Guild, she has lectured extensively for several years. She opened her agency about four years ago.

More and more people arranging simchas are following her advice not to make the wine an afterthought, she said. "They are giving thought to matching the wine with the meal. Hopefully the custom of choosing the wine at the very last — and solely on the basis of price — will come to an end soon.

"Guests at simchas are much more sophisticated these days," she says. "They expect the wine they're served to go with the meal."

Slatt offers the following tips for selecting wine for a simcha:

• White wine is usually preferred, particularly for afternoon events.

• Drier wines are becoming increasingly popular. That's dry, not vinegar-tasting or bitter, she cautions.

• Wine should be tasted personally before it's chosen. Sugar levels indicated on the bottle label aren't always definitive.

• Wine should also be checked for: clarity, color (a dry white should be pale, almost white, not yellowish); and cork integrity (mould is undesirable).

• White and blush (ever so lightly pink) sparkling wines are also gaining popularity.

Lorac, by the way, is Carol spelled backwards.

Help congregants fulfil themselves, rabbis are urged

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —
A rabbi's responsibility is not to decide the religious level of fellow Jews but rather to teach only what he thinks his congregants are ready to accept, says a Toronto Orthodox rabbi.

Rabbi Eliot Feldman, founding rabbi of Kehillat Chaarei Torah, a new Orthodox synagogue on Bayview Ave., told members of the Adath Israel Brotherhood at a recent breakfast meeting that there are no requirements to be a strict Jew. "One must only believe that God is one, and that Moses delivered the Torah," said Feldman.

He said the idea that one must have a yeshiva background and wear a black suit is not a true image of Orthodoxy. "It is what you learn and how you observe, not how you dress." The rabbi added that one cannot pray on the weekend and then engage in less-than-honest business practices during the week.

Feldman said the essential ingredient to being a good Jew is "never to be comfortable where you are. Always strive to learn more."

He said that above all, one must be honest with oneself. "If you think you are fooling someone else, you're wrong. The hoax is on you."

Edwin Schild, spiritual leader of Adath Israel told the group that he welcomes Reform Jews for making a minimal commitment. "A Reform synagogue is an excellent method of entering the community. A gradualistic approach is a good approach," he said.

He added that "some Jews could have been lost entirely if not for Reform synagogues."

Feldman said that the question of lineage is a big problem. "Nothing pains me more than to find out that a child who has gone through the day school system is not really Jewish because her mother is not Jewish."

He said that a detail like that cannot be overlooked in a mixed marriage. "It must be corrected or the child will not be Jewish."

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Organizations and People

Bernard Cherrick, vice-president of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, with (left) Steve Diamond, co-chairman of the Toronto New Leadership Division of Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University, and Wilfred Posluns, Canadian Friends' treasurer.

Hebrew U needs Galut, school vice-president says

TORONTO —

The Hebrew University is depending on Diaspora Jewry in the face of Israeli government spending curbs, Bernard Cherrick, vice-president of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, said in a recent presentation to the New Leadership Division of Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University, held in the Dylex boardroom.

Cherrick's presentation, on "quality and excellence," focused on the Hebrew University's current financial problems, and the actions the university is taking to alleviate them.

He said that over the past few years, the Israeli government's participation in the Hebrew University's operating budget has declined from 80 to 50% at a time when operating costs have risen dramatically.

In response, the university convinced its faculty to give up one month's salary, reduced purchases of laboratory equipment, library books and computers, and laid off 30% of the untenured research and teaching staff.

"The Hebrew University will survive all this. But it won't survive as one of the world's foremost universities unless it raises enough money to retain its bright young scholars, and to continue its research programs. Excellence costs, and we're going to need more outside help from the Diaspora if we're going to hold our ground," he said, adding that a strong Hebrew University is essential to Israel's future.

"Before the state was established, we eradicated malaria and established the country's high-tech agriculture, turning the country from a desert into the world's leading agricultural success story. After independence, we trained the country's first generation of professionals, and today are the only school in Israel with programs in such vital areas as veterinary medicine.

"Our duty to Israel and the Jewish people is to anticipate Israel's future needs, and to train people to fill them. But we can't do this by ourselves," he said.

Steve Diamond, co-chairman of the New Leadership Division, said he had decided to dedicate himself to working on the university's behalf because of his belief that "Israel's survival is directly linked to its ability to educate its people."

"If you accept the premise that Israel has to be smarter than its neighbors, and if you firmly believe in Israel's well-being, you can see how supporting the Hebrew University is most important," he said, urging those in attendance to continue working to ensure the success of the Division's Jan. 24 fund raising affair at the Sutton Place Hotel.

Dr. H. Allen Gardner gets Oshawa General post

TORONTO —

Dr. H. Allen Gardner was recently appointed the first director of genetic services at Oshawa General Hospital after 17 years as director of cytogenetics at Toronto General Hospital.

The centre offers professional counseling and diagnostic services to couples who run a high risk of giving birth to handicapped children, and includes prenatal diagnosis, chromosome analysis as well as counseling.

The program serves the residents of Durham, eastern Scarborough, the counties of Victoria and Northumberland, Peterborough and Haliburton.

Dr. Gardner has written about his area of expertise

Dr. H. Allen Gardner

in a broader context bringing a Jewish perspective to the complex ethical issues created by new procedures.

In the Oct. 30, 1982 of Sh'ma, Gardner discussed the decisions parents must make given the foreknowledge of a developing baby's health gained through amnioscentesis (How Small a Blemish Desanctifies Life ?).

Gardner, who has served on several different committees at Holy Blossom Temple, has taught about the ethical concerns created by new procedures for the past number of years in a mini-course to grade 9 students at the temple's religious school.

He has urged the pupils, during these lectures, to learn how to live with these difficult new choices and still maintain "those personal qualtities of humanity expected of Jews."

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Organizations and People

Moroccans honor rabbi's father

Yeshiva support urged

TORONTO —

The recent brief visit of Rabbi Baruch Abuchatziera, son of Baba Sali who was renowned in the Moroccan community as a miracle worker, drew 1,000 worshippers to Arbit services and encouraged contributions to a new yeshiva named in memory of his father.

Rabbi Abuchatziera participated in the Arbit (Maariv) service at Congregation Petah Tikva Anshe Castilla, and later attended a private reception in his honor at Magen David Sephardic Congregation, reports Magen David Rabbi Yehiel Benayon.

He traveled from his home in Netivot, Israel with a delegation of 15, including acclaimed Sephardic chazan, Chaim Louk, who lead the service, says Rabbi Benayon. Abuchatziera's itinerary also included New York, Montreal and Paris before returning home.

The father of Abuchatziera, Rabbi Israel Abuchatziera (affectionately known as Baba Sali, or Father of Israel) was spiritual leader of 500,000 Jews of Moroccan descent, says Benayon, and was held in high esteem by both Sephardic and Ashkenazi communities. The Baba Sali is said to have passed on his gifts to his son, also known as Baba Baruch.

Baba Baruch told the guests he was very happy to see that they had maintained a warm community with a strong sense of identity in a country with such a cold climate.

He brought with him a kiddush cup owned by his father to be auctioned off to raise funds for the new yeshiva in Netivot. Benayon says it was purchased by Claude Bitton for $6,000.

Host for the dinner at Magen David was Eli Mimran, who was also instrumental in bringing Abuchatziera to Toronto. More than 150 attended the dinner and were entertained by Louk and a band playing Arab instruments.

The Ontario Sephardic Association, which orchestrated the visit, was represented by the president, Simon Keslassy, who acted as master of ceremonies at Petah Tikva. A special guest at the simcha was Rabbi David Sabbah, Chief Sephardic Rabbi of Montreal.

Shul instals woman as full-time pulpit rabbi

TORONTO —

Rabbi Deborah Brin, installed recently as spiritual leader of Congregation Darchei Noam, Reconstructionist Synagogue of Toronto, is Canada's only female full-time pulpit rabbi.

The 2-hour installation ceremony included many references to women culled from various writings including passages from the feminist poetry of Adrienne Rich and from the Torah.

"The life of a rabbi is not easy," Rabbi Brin was warned by Rabbi Gunther Plaut, senior scholar of Holy Blossom Temple, who participated in the ceremony.

"It is a migration from a place you know well into a country that you do not know. It is a difficult profession to enter a land that you do not know.

"Each congregation is a new migration. This is Rabbi Brin's first migration and you are the land," he told the members of Darchei Noam.

Rabbi Deborah Brin

The rabbi must "struggle to make people love that which they do not really know and honor that which they have begun to forget," Plaut added.

Brin graduated with a BA in Religion from Macalester College in Philadelphia. In 1985 in Philadelphia she graduated from the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College and received an MA in pastoral counseling from Lasalle University.

Before coming to Toronto she served as a chaplain for the Martin's Run Life Care Retirement Community in Pennsylvania for five years. She led services, organized discussion groups and supervised recreational therapists with respect to the Jewish content of their programming.

Since coming to Toronto in August, 1986, Brin has consolidated various programs now offered by the congregation. These include: Saturday morning and High Holy Day services, children's services, Oneg Shabbat and havdalah services in members' homes, adult education, Beit Sefer (Hebrew School), adult social programs, a yearly retreat, community support network and special programs for the single person.

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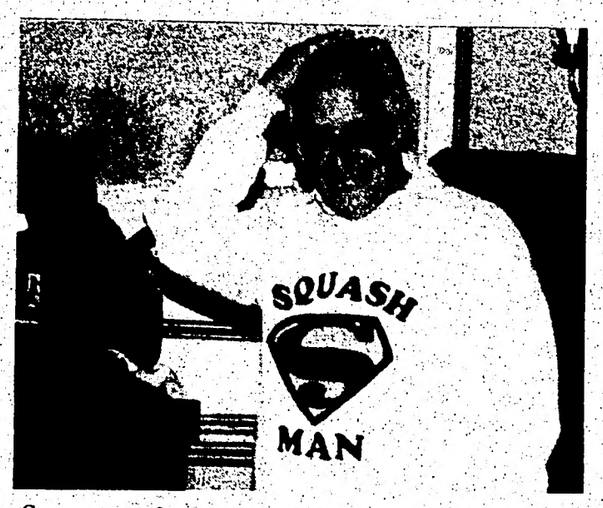
Super squash player given surprise honor

By PAUL LUNGEN



Super squash player Jack Shusterman looks a little flabbergasted at a surprise luncheon held recently in his honor.

TORONTO —

How do you honor a man so humble and self effacing, he doesn't want any fuss kicked up about him?

You trick him, that's how.

And that's exactly what Dr. Irv Petroff and a committee of seven did to Jack Shusterman, "the original Jewish squash player."

At 70 years of age, Shusterman still can show the younger set a thing or two about squash, so Petroff, 50, booked a match at the Toronto Cricket, Skating and Curling Club. Petroff and his committee cohorts (Dr. Jerry Gray, Wilf Heller, Alan Cherry, Gerry Shugar, Sam Nisenboim and Dr. Marv Kopel) sent out handsome, calligraphed invitations for a surprise tribute luncheon and as the noon-hour match progressed, Shusterman's friends gradually entered the viewing gallery overlooking the game court.

"He gradually realized they weren't there to watch Petroff play squash," the sneaky dentist snickered.

Following the game, about 50 people ranging in age from 75 to 25 joined Shusterman at the combination reception, luncheon, testimonial and musical revue.

"He was flabbergasted," said Petroff, "floored by the whole thing."

With Shusterman's notorious modesty in mind, the committee designated someone to make sure the bashful honoree did not disappear, he added.

For those who do not know Shusterman, he was many times a champion in the early days of squash in Toronto. At one time, there were only two places to play the game — Hart House at the University of Toronto and the YMHA.

Shusterman was U of T champion in 1941, and for close to 15 years in the 1950s and 60s he was untouchable as club champ at the Y, Petroff said. In fact, some of the people Shusterman defeated at the university went on to become national champions, he added.

When he turned 50, Shusterman entered the Masters category of competition, where, holding true to form, he was Ontario senior champion for three years.

But more than his prowess with a racket and ball, Shusterman is revered by his many "proteges" for his encouragement and instruction at the game he loves. "He spent a lot of time teaching us the game, building our aspirations," Petroff said.

"Jack forced everyone to play better and he played with everyone, no matter what level you were at. It was an honor to get trounced by him because you never left the court without learning something," said psychiatrist Gerry Shugar, 50, the only player to win five consecutive U.S. Masters squash titles and the current champion.

Shusterman, a pharmacist in North Toronto, still works part time when he's not playing squash, usually at Carlson Court in Etobicoke.

In addition to honoring Shusterman's 50 years in the game, the luncheon raised money for four charities designated by "Shusty": the Rick Hanson Man in Motion fund; the Association for the Welfare of Soldiers in Israel; the Toronto Star Sportsman's Fund; and Dental Volunteers for Israel.

Israel tennis ace triumphs

JERUSALEM —

Israel tennis champion Amos Mansdorf registered the best ever achievement by an Israeli tennis player when he won the South African Open Championship in Johannesburg recently.

He defeated title holder Matt Anger of the U.S. in a 5-set final by scores of 6-3, 3-6, 6-2 and 7-5.

Beats top seed

Mansdorf beat top seed Andres Gomez of Ecuador, ranked 10th in the world, on his way to the final. Earlier, he had defeated 5th-ranked Henri Leconte of France in competition in London.

Mansdorf's victory netted him the $45,000 first prize as well as a massive number of rating points, shooting him from 83rd in the world before his win over Leconte to the low 30s.

No Israeli had ever before reached the final of a major Grand Prix tournament. The previous best was when Shlomo Glickstein reached the semi-final in Johannesburg in 1981.

At his peak four years ago, Glickstein was ranked 22nd in the world.

Kippot called danger to game

MIAMI BEACH, (UPI) —

A high school basketball game was postponed just before tipoff recently because referees ruled the yarmulkes worn by players from Hebrew Academy were dangerous.

The referees enforced a regulation prohibiting dangerous equipment, which includes "head decorations, headwear and jewelry."

There was concern that a fallen yarmulke or the bobby pins used to hold the skullcaps might constitute a hazard.

"I've never heard anything so silly in all my life," said Hebrew Academy coach Mark Baranek.

A compromise was reached later where, "for safety reasons, a headband that will be part of the yarmulke" was approved, according to Fred Rozelle, executive secretary of the Florida Highs School Activities Association.

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The Selina collection is available at better ladies wear shops across Canada.

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Silks that aren't feel like real thing

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

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Taking care of your skin during winter months

By CAROL WISE

Chanukah — what a lovely time of the year. The season of giving, and of course, the problem of finding the perfect gift. No matter how beautiful a new dress or sweater might be, it would look that much better with a properly applied makeup.

No one, as you know is perfect. Even Hollywood movie stars such as Sally Struthers and Sarah Purcel whom I have had the pleasure of applying makeup for, need to know the value of proper makeup application.

Looking good and feeling good are probably the most precious gifts in life.

Skin care during the winter months should be a priority. The cold, dry air outside, combined with your heating system inside, tend to dry your skin not only of its oils, but of its water content.

Dr. Howard Donsky, author of the book, Beauty Is Skin Deep, suggests that you lubricate your skin with a liquid moisturizer during the day and a more thickly formulated cream at night.

However, says Donsky, if you have oily skin you might just have a happy balance at this time of the year, therefore, rich creams may be unnecessary and could cause unwanted blemishes.

Esthetician Sandra Modena recommends a professional facial. This will help to prevent the problem of dehydration and combat premature aging. It will restore to your skin the substances that it is being deprived of. This will make your skin feel softer and appear more vibrant.

Massage therapy is also a wonderful idea. Massage is a technique that is too often considered only a luxury. In actuality massage is a technique that relieves, stimulates circulation, increases mobility and certainly puts a smile on your face, says massage therapist Manuella Sovdat.

Makeup trends are always changing with each season. However, once you know the basic steps, these variances will come easily and naturally.

Makeup application for the winter months will be vibrant and well defined. As you add the layers of clothing, you will be applying more makeup to give you that fresh, healthy glow that you had naturally during the summer months.

Important colors this season will be coral and rose tones for blush-on, khaki green, periwinkle blue and orchid for your eyes. Lipstick shades will be more subdued and shimmered with gold and silver.

[Carol Wise is the owner of Carol Wise Beauty Centre in Willowdale.]

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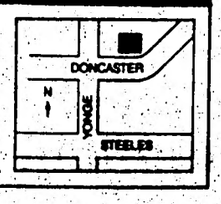

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"A return to the look of innocence"

Now you can find out if blondes do have more fun

Blonde hair brings back look of innocence. (Linda Corbett photo)

Is there a woman who has not wondered what it would be like to be a blonde?

Thanks to history, and more recently film, the blonde has become a feminine ideal. Today, technology is at hand to compensate for nature's oversight, and help is as near as Jason Kearns Hair, Toronto, where color expert Robert Fleet commands the technical department.

Being blonde, Fleet says, is an investment in both time and money — both of which he calls "important factors."

A color consultant for movies and television, in addition to being the head color technician at Jason Kearns Hair (where he has spent the past eight of his 20 years as a technician), Fleet includes in his current clientele such well-known names as television's Michael Learned, Mary Lou Findlay of The Journal, Riptide's Perry King, and Diane Lane, currently filming in "The Arm."

"I see the world in color," says Fleet.

The first thing a colorist must be, according to Fleet, is honest. Sensitive to his own clientele, Fleet insists on talking about color before applying it.

"You must understand what a client really wants. Their lifestyle, what they do, and how much they want to spend — both in time and money — is important information.

"A rinse that only needs to be renewed every two or three months will enhance the natural color, and requires almost no maintenance. Tinted or bleached hair needs more maintenance, with salon visits every three or four weeks for regrowth. Highlights, depending upon whether they are subtle or dramatic need to be renewed every three to six months."

The high-fashion profile of the "bleached blonde" is not for everyone, but still is the most dramatic way to go blonde. With bleached hair, the cut is an all-important factor for the "look."

Tints offer a broader range of color to choose from — a softer or more subtle way to go, that helps with the skintones.

Highlights, on the other hand, are a way of recapturing the innocence of blonde youth.

"In fact," adds Fleet, "the attraction of being blonde is that it is a return to the look of innocence."

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Silver Threads home of classy castoffs

Silver Threads at 538 Eglinton Ave. W., is not your ordinary second hand clothing boutique. Owner Wilma Barclay opened her doors some two months ago with a collection of classy castoffs from Toronto's "creme de la creme."

Designers' labels like Salvatore Ferragamo, Christian Dior, Maggy Reeves, Givenchy, Winston, and Serge & Real are just a sampling of the haute couture available. Plus fashions from Jones New York, Escada, Linda Lundstrom, Albert Nipon, Alfred Sung and Anne Klein, to name a few.

Barclay's connection to the well-heeled women of Toronto comes after years of keeping them in shape at the exclusive fitness club she ran. She also gave private classes in Rosedale and Forest Hill homes.

It was at one of these homes that the idea of Silver Threads was hatched. "I was giving a private class and saw an entire rack of new clothes arriving, so I asked my client what she did with her old ones," remembers Barclay.

Simple, yet elegant

Barclay's clients and their friends have enthusiastically backed her new venture, provided their names are not used.

The pretty boutique owner guards this confidentiality with great care. "There's no resale shop in the city with the designer names and the high quality that Silver Threads has and I certainly don't want to jeopardize that."

The boutique echoes the image of the fashions it houses. Simple yet elegant in soft pinks and grays, Silver Threads belies its moniker "resale shop." A wall of mirrors hides spacious change rooms while centre racks display jewelry, belts, scarves and hats.

Silver Threads even carries shoes . . . from Charles Jourdan, David's and Pino Carina.

Barclay still holds fitness classes on occasion but now her new interest is fashion.

"For 16 years I never had any real clothes," she says, "just leotards and sweatsuits. Silver Threads is my answer to the high cost of dressing fashionably, and so far it's working as beautifully as I hoped it would."

Exquisite silk dress by Albert Nipon, New York, features puffed, push-up sleeves and bowed waist tie. From Silver Threads. (Ronny Shinder photo)

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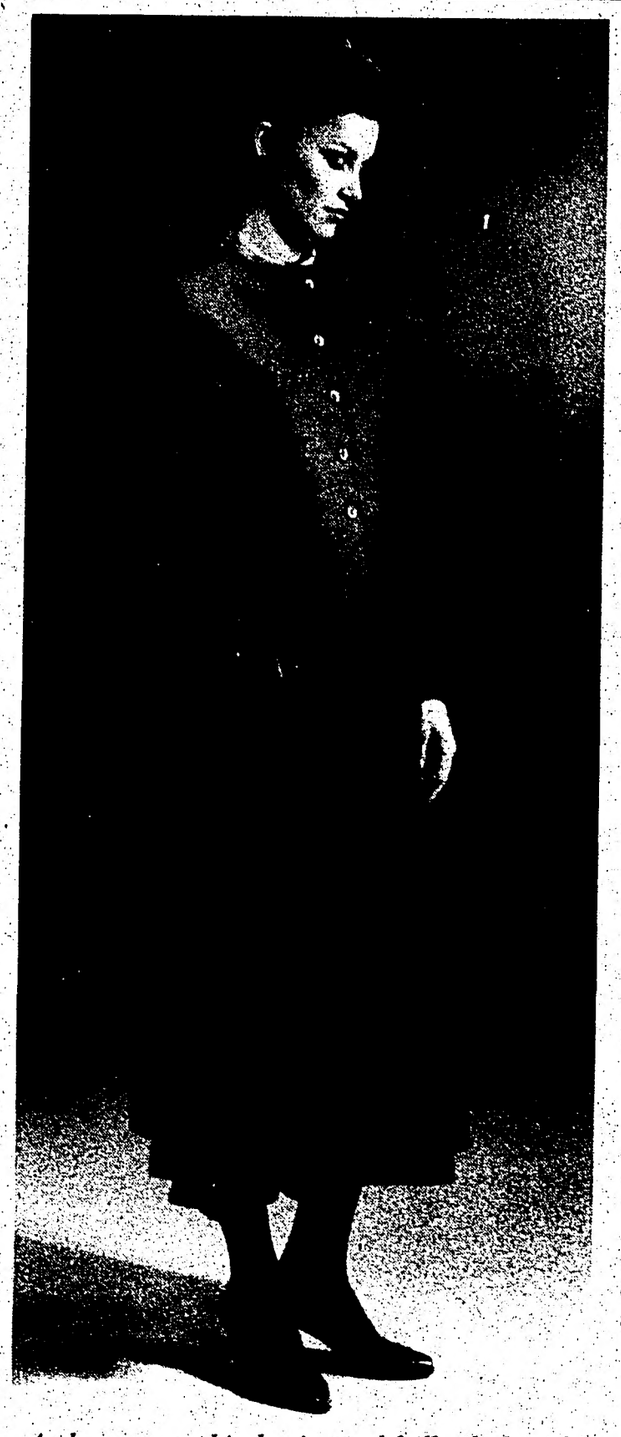

A short cropped jacket in wool faille cloth with a sweeping wool plaid skirt.

London Fog unveils sportswear collection

By
LORI SMITH

A look of fashion and a statement of quality are what consumers have come to expect from London Fog.

Caroline Levi, marketing manager of the ladies' sportswear division for Freed & Freed of Canada Inc., the Winnipeg-based Canadian licensee for London Fog, explains that their customers expect fine quality garments, not trendy, tossed out items.

"We appeal to customers who want fashionable clothing that isn't trendy and who want garments that give them good value for their money."

The company, renowned for its coats, entered the women's ready-to-wear market in 1983 with a small collection of sportswear. This season they have launched an extensive line of sportswear separates in 20 different fabrics ranging from casual tweeds to printed velvets.

London Fog's collection features four distinct groups of designs. Crystalvision is a group of sporty corduroy garments that are coordinated with plain, plaid and tattersall shirtings and brocade and tweed separates all in azure blue, snowflake white, rose and evergreen.

Prelude is a collection of dressier clothes in grapevine, sunshine, winter white, sapphire, topaz and black made in a solid faille cloth and wool blend with an irridescent surface teamed with a plaid, a paisley print and polyester shirtings.

The third group is Morning Star, a selection of garments in plain, herringbone and plaid flannel, mohair tweed and palace crepe de chine shirtings in twilight blue, starlight white, heather grey and bordeaux.

The final collection is called Coventry. It features separates in a diagonal twill in a self-stripe, boucle, wool plaid and windowpane and plaid tweed, plain and printed velvets and satin charmeuse in midnight blue, mulberry and hunter-green.

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Accessory articles make excellent gifts

By SAUL KORMAN

As incredible as it might seem, yet another holiday season is upon us and I'd like to give you a few suggestions as to what to buy, in light of the latest fashion trends.

Foremost on my gift list this year would be accessory articles for friends, acquaintances and minor relatives. These would include paisley silk ties and liberty print pocket squares, or simply a box of fine white linen handkerchieves, to be employed as puffs.

Striped dress shirts

I'd scout around for near-antique jewelry — tie pins, collar bars, studs and watch-chains — which make tasteful and unique presents. And I'd stock up on fringed silk and wool scarves, making certain they're in the season's most popular shades of electric blue and bright violet.

For my sons, the younger looks of poorboy caps, polo shirts and "cowboy" embossed leather belts would do nicely. For my brothers, perhaps more grownup gifts of gaily striped dress shirts and classic Fair Isle vests.

I could, if I liked, just give everybody shirts — there are so many different shades and shapes to choose from: from chambray blues with yoked backs and snap buttons, to outsized sweater-like sport shirts and "roughing it" flannels and cords in backwoods blues, reds and greens.

Then again, I could treat people to "theme" Chanukah gifts — like an "all West" outfit of denim pants, moleskin shirt and glossy yellow rain slicker; or a 60s style ensemble of zip-front mock turtleneck, black double-knit slacks and a batik shirt-jacket.

Naturally, while I was buying for other people, I would end up picking out a few things for myself — like a new sport jacket in traditional English tweed, or a "Tyrolean" boiled wool jacket with incised silver buttons, or even an Italian "Futurist" graphic knit.

I'd keep my eyes peeled for soft, expensive fabrics like melton, camel's hair and cashmere; and if I were buying outerwear, I'd make sure it had a fur or shearling collar.

Silk or cotton elegant sleepwear

Silk and cotton would be my first choices for elegant sleepwear and lounging robes, and as trim on my shirts, sweaters and overcoats, I'd go for suede and supple nappa leathers.

[Fashion authority SAUL KORMAN reports regularly to The CJN on current fashion trends. Korman is president of Korry's Clothiers to Gentlemen, in Toronto.]

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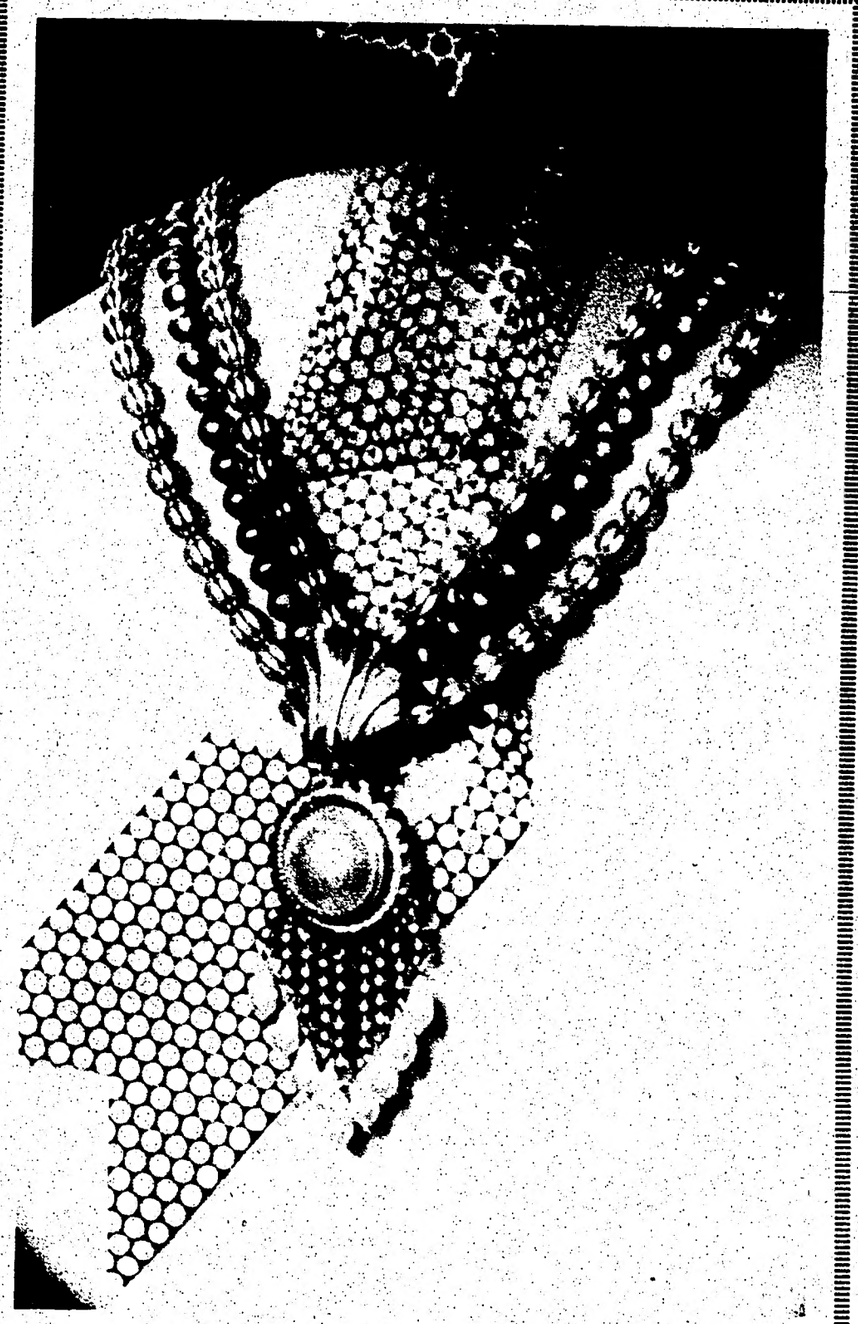

Egyptian collar with pearl at Avenue in Toronto.

(Marlo Fieldstone photo)

Designers change thinking

New look for holiday wear

By
VIVIAN WILCOX

(STYLE)

Designers are changing their thinking about after-5 holiday dressing. They're coming up with separates — separates in daytime shapes but glamorous evening fabrics.

They are showing knits — sweaters and sweater sets glittering with metallic thread.

And they are showing camis and blouses in satin and lame.

Many of these knits and wovens are part of co-ordinated outfits but they are sold separately and can be worn with other things.

Velvet is a favorite fabric for both separates and dresses — black, the favorite color.

Velvet dresses are body-conscious with high necklines and long sleeves but some — surprise — have bare backs.

Jersey is another favorite fabric. The jersey dresses are not only covered up, they are elegantly draped — more formal looking than the velvets.

Lengths as well as shapes show a daytime influence, a change in lifestyle.

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Student strives for elegance

By
LORI SMITH

Sophisticated, complete ensembles are what recent Sheridan College fashion design graduate, Paulette Martsolf, likes to create.

"I really like to design outfits that have a complete look from the head down to the toes. When I do an outfit I always design hats to go with it. And I also like things that look sophisticated. Clothing a woman could wear in the day or evening depending on how it's accessorized."

Martsolf, 28, explains that she has always wanted to be a fashion designer or at the very least to work in something related to fashion.

She says that she designs for women and likes to create classics with some sort of special touch that makes them a little different.

"No matter what I design it tends to have a jacket and I'm not one who goes in for a lot of pleats and big, oversized garments. I like things with a long, lean line and that's not to say that a woman has to be tall to wear them. I also love to use great fabrics."

Martsolf explains that she is determined to make it in the fashion world and acknowledges that it will take a lot of work and time.

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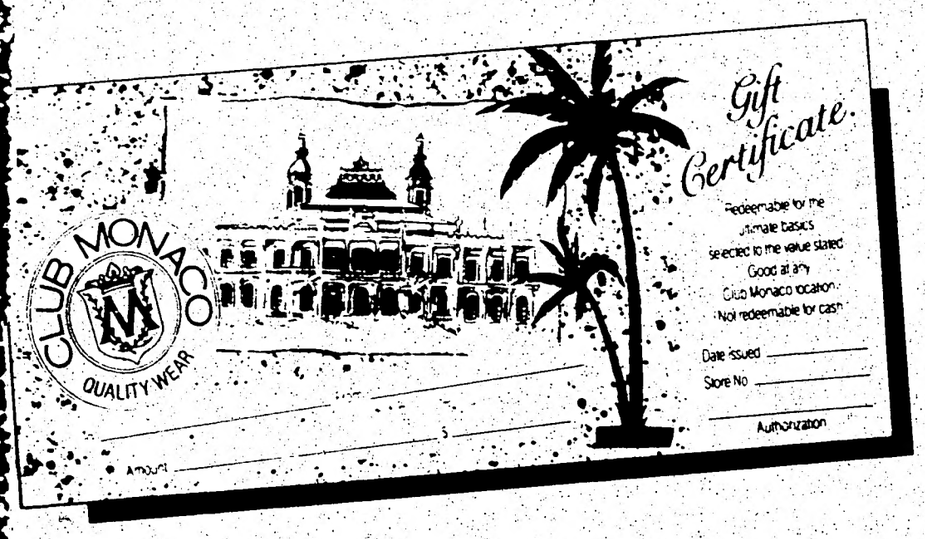

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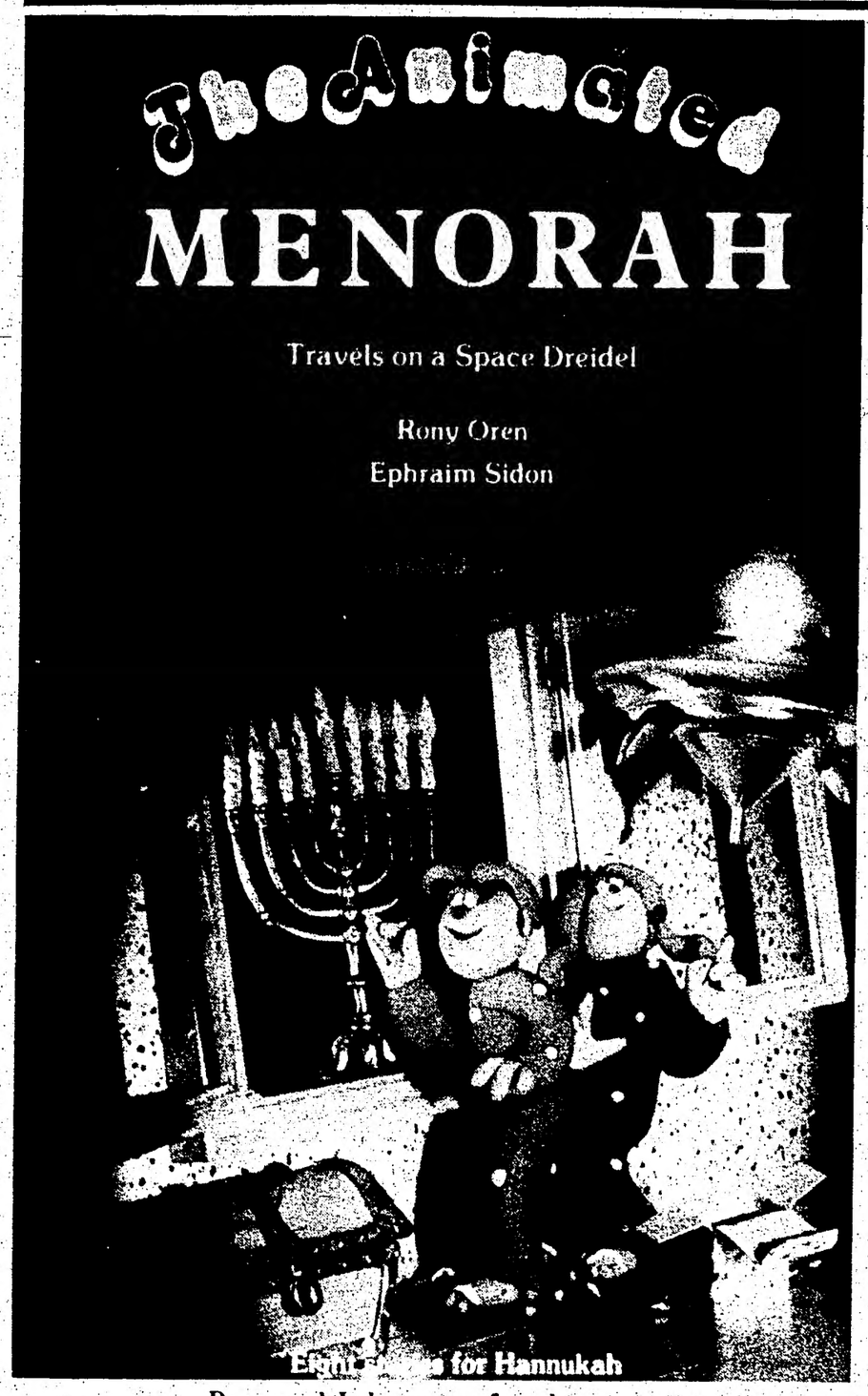

Danny and Judy prepare for adventure.

Dreidel adventure takes off

By DAVID BIRKAN

TORONTO —

A UFO-like dreidel that transports its two young passengers through time and space dominates The Animated Menorah ($24), Scopus Films' latest holiday picturebook for children.

Like its predecessor The Animated Haggadah, the book, subtitled Travels on a Space Dreidel, is strikingly illustrated with a Scopus technique using luminous art photography and malleable clay figurines.

The book's heros are Danny, 9, and his sister, Judy, 10½, who are whisked aboard for a different adventure every night of Chanukah except the last.

After the first candle melts down, the pair is taken to Israel in Antiochus' time, where they save a couple of children from the Greco-Syrian tyrant's wrath.

On subsequent nights, they:

• Join Jewish leader Mattiyahu in evading an attack by Antiochus' troops.

• Accompany the Hasmoneans as they route an elephant-fortified Greek army.

• Swoop in to save a family from the Roman Catholic inquisition, nearly 2,000 years later.

• Celebrate Chanukah with Jewish soldiers in George Washington's army in Valley Forge, in 1776.

• Visit a ship taking Jews from Morocco to Israel.

The Animated Menorah, unlike its predecessor, is not accompanied by a videotape. Instead, a "Chanukit" is available. This is an activity box made up of seven packets. They contain a jigsaw puzzle of the two dreidelnauts, a little menorah, a T-shirt transfer, an activity booklet, several bookmarks, an assemble-it-yourself space helmet, and a little boardgame called Dreidel Trek, in which characters from the book race around gathering Chanukah gifts. All are simple constructions of light cardboard.

The Chanukit, with book included, sells for $55. Available in local Jewish book stores, it is distributed by Israel's: the Judaica centre, of Toronto.

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• Psychologist David Garner, who has written five books and over 90 articles on a variety of subjects, including a study on the changing body dimensions of Playboy centrefolds and Miss America contestants from 1959 to 1978.

• Journalist and humorist Jay Teitel.

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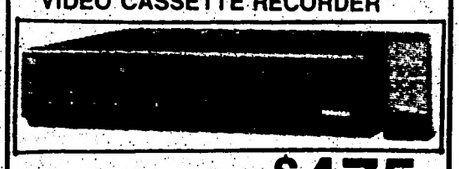
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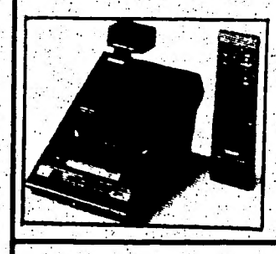
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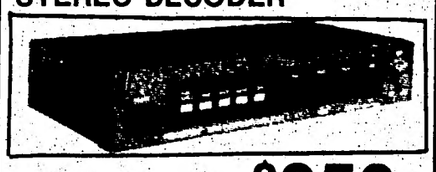
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Kosher cuisine can be exciting and imaginative

New Jewish and general cookbooks surveyed

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

Cookbooks of Jewish and general interest...

Sandra Temes of Toronto is one of our finer Canadian cooks. So her revised cookbook, *Welcome to my Kitchen (The Sandra Temes Cooking School, $22.95)*, will be of interest to seasoned cooks and amateurs alike.

The new edition has been adapted for the food processor and contains yields. And thanks to three big spirals, it is also easier to use. The recipes, which lean heavily on Jewish cuisine, are very easy to follow.

Colette Rossant, a Cairo-born author of five cookbooks, believes that kosher cuisine can be exciting and imaginative. The laws of kashruth, for her, are not painful obstacles.

In *New Kosher Cooking (Fitzhenry & Whiteside, $29.95)*, Rossant has developed more than 200 recipes that expand the scope of kosher cooking to include the latest culinary developments.

In an effort to combine familiar foods with modern ingredients in a health-conscious blend, she offers a reader contemporary dishes like fennel and mustard greens soup, curried rice salad with vegetables, chopped raw tuna in ginger sauce, lamb stew with celery root and cherries, chicken sauteed with limes, and sweet couscous.

Lest you think she's forgotten some of your grandmother's old favorites, rest assured she has not. Rossant includes classic standards like meatloaf, pot roast, chopped liver, potato latkes and roast chicken in this wide-ranging and extremely informative and informal book.

If you're not strictly kosher, you'll enjoy volume 1 and 2 of *The Harrowsmith Cookbook (Firefly Books, $14.95 each)*. New brides, or single parents, will particularly appreciate these thoughtful volumes.

Pasta lovers take note: *The Harrowsmith Pasta Cookbook (Firefly Books, $12.95)* is a real treasure. This spiral-bound compendium, which focuses on Italian, Chinese and East European favorites, introduces essential pastas and proceeds with tantalizing recipes for appetizers, soups, salads, casseroles, sauces and desserts.

The beauty of this slender book is its simplicity. If you're interested in cooking, and you've got a modicum of patience, you can master the art of preparing delicious delights like noodle salad, chicken cannelloni, Szechuan noodles, perogies, and lasagne.

Not something to pass up.

Anyone who appreciates fine food has probably visited and browsed around Dinah's Cupboard, the Toronto gourmet shop where price is no object.

If you haven't been able to afford her prices, no need to mope. If you read *The Dinah's Cupboard Cook Book (Collins, $16.95)*, you'll find that you, too, can concoct relatively inexpensive exotica like macadamia nut pie, bastilla, chicken satay or eggnog apple-mince pie.

The recipes, by Dinah Koo and Janice Poon, are a mixture of haute cuisine and regional and ethnic cooking.

Seafood aficionados will revel in *The Harrowsmith Fish & Seafood Cookbook (Firefly Books, $16.95)*.

These creative recipes, which are accompanied by photographic guides to recognizing, buying, cleaning, fileting, cooking and preserving fish, can produce memorable meals.

A definite asset in the kitchen.

If you like cheese, you'll like James McNair's handsome guide cum-cookbook, simply entitled *Cheese (Rancoast Books, $13.50)*.

Gourmets and gourmands, and connoisseurs and casual nibblers alike, will find things of interest in here.

How about blue cheese blintzes? Or pizza with four cheeses? Or tomato and mozarella with basil vinaigrette? If all this sounds mouthwatering, you're right.

Try it and see.

Inventive cooks take advantage of the great variety of herbs to brighten their meals. So *The Harrowsmith Illustrated Book of Herbs (Firefly Books, $19.95)* will certainly be of much interest.

Author Patrick Lima examines more than 150 traditional plants and dispenses useful information. The illustrations, which are in color, add to your understanding.

Who can resist a hearty soup or stew? Not too many. *Soups & Stews (Franklin Watts, $11.95)* is an excellent primer.

Chicken & Other Poultry (Franklin Watts, $11.95) is also an excellent introductory volume. You'll learn everything you always wanted to know about roasting, baking, grilling, broiling, stir frying, sauteing, stewing and braising.

Appetizers & Hors d'Oeuvres (Franklin Watts, $11.95) will put you in the right mood to whip up earthly delights for party occasions.

With this book at your side, you can't go wrong.

There's no reason to exclude mature children from the kitchen. Just take a look at *Just Desserts and Other Treats for Kids to Make (Kids Can Press, $7.95)* and you'll understand why. Marilyn Linton, the author, obviously respects kids, and they'll no doubt respect her after they've used her book.

Small kitchen appliances make great presents

By
ESTHER FISHER

Some terrific small kitchen appliances, some of them computerized, make ideal gifts for weddings, showers, Chanukah or a new house. These Proctor-Silex products are so up-to-date, you'll want to treat yourself to one of them, too.

Proctor-Silex, reputedly the world's largest toaster maker, will introduce the first computerized toaster early in January. It's controlled by a microchip that makes toast to order. The Bread-Brain, as it is called, allows you to choose the shade of toast you like, or to toast on one side only; and with wider than usual slots, you don't have to worry about bread sticking in the toaster.

New automatic coffee makers have been programmed to include a shutoff option. They provide a choice of settings which either keep the coffee hot continuously or shut the unit off after two hours. An iron with shutoff memory shuts off after 10 minutes if left on its heel or after 30 seconds if left on its soleplate.

To make those professional looking cookies, Proctor-Silex has come up with a food gun, a motorized version of an old-fashioned cookie press that's easy to use and to clean.

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New Judaica china pieces

Collection reflects love of Jewish home, family

By
MIRIAM CHINSKY

An attractive new Judaica collection by Sunrise Fine Bone China is being marketed throughout Canada and will soon be distributed in the United States and the Caribbean.

Designed by former Torontonian Cara Goldberg Marks, who studied at New York City's Pratt Institute and Stern College, and now lives on Long Island, the pieces reflect a love of the Jewish home and family.

They include a mother's tray in delicate pastels, inscribed with the word for mother in Hebrew and English, a father's tray in burgundy, gray and gold, with father in Hebrew and English lettering, and a shalom tray decorated with a tracery of flowers and branches overlaying the Hebrew word for peace.

The artist has also created a filigree patterned mezuzah and a miniature sweetheart box to hold a few personal treasures. The box bears the familiar words from the Song of Songs — Ani l'dodi ve dodi li (I am my beloved and my beloved is me).

Everything is done on pure white bone china. Sunrise, established in 1983, is the only manufacturer of bone china in Canada, says assistant general manager Sal Di Bella.

The company, a joint venture of the Metropolitan Association for the Mentally Retarded and Jewish Vocational Service, and funded by MTAMR, employs a staff of 36 — an equal number of mentally handicapped and non-handicapped persons who work well together. Says general manager Dennis Salt, "They're here before we open in the morning and we have to tell them to go home at night!

In addition to its new Judaica collection, the company offers two beautiful seder plates, one designed by artist and calligrapher Ted Labow, the other by Roy C. Asplin.

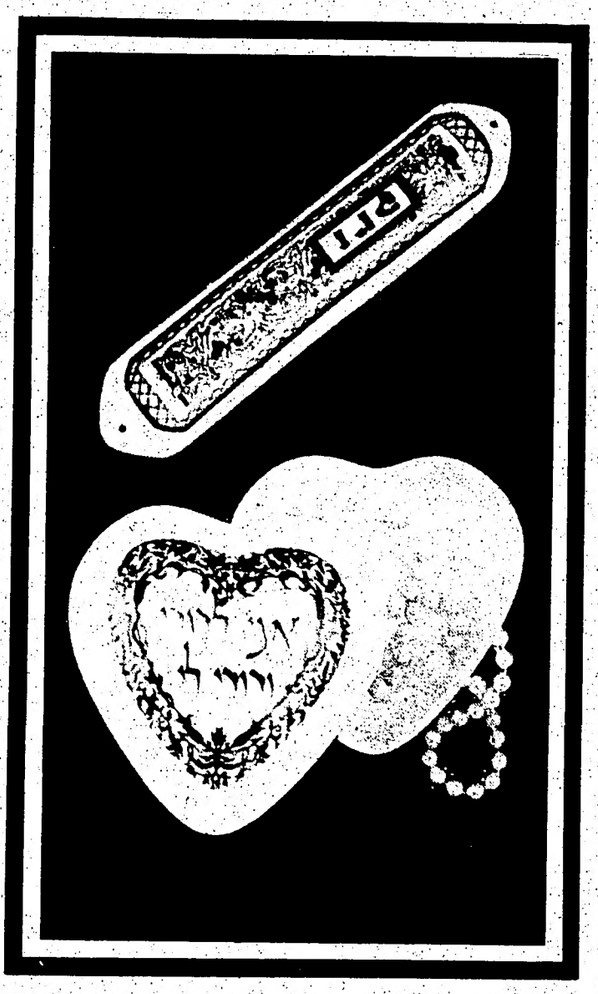
To be produced in the near future are a Sabbath match box (no more looking around before lighting the Friday night candles), a Chanukah menorah and a Sabbath bread plate with matching knife.

Salt is open to suggestions for a wider range of Judaica, and he is also interested in meeting more artists, to incorporate different styles.

Sunrise manufactures numerous other items — a complete line of Japanese restaurant dishes, a series of collectors' plates adorned with provincial flowers, an interesting thimble collection, teapots, mugs, vases and much more.

The Judaica collection will be available at gift and specialty stores as well as some hospital gift shops.

To inquire further, contact Sunrise Fine Bone China, 34 Carnforth Rd., Toronto M4A 2K7, phone: 755-6440.



For Chanukah giving — from the Sunrise collection of Canadian-made fine bone china: top, mezuzah; bottom, sweetheart box.

Top children's performers

Kids' videos will captivate

TORONTO —

A new series of children's videotapes from Whitman Golden Ltd. is designed to entertain children while enhancing their awareness of music and language. They make great gifts for the holiday season for kids aged 3 to 11.

Whitman Golden invited some of Canada's top children's performers and recording artists to participate in the video series including: Sharon, Lois and Bram, Bob Schneider, Eric Nagler, Kim and Jerry Brodey, Sandra Beech, and Orff music director Katharine Smithrim.

According to Rob Dawson, head of Golden Book Videos in Canada, "It's the first time that this many major children's performers have been brought together in a single home video series."

musical education becomes spontaneous fun.

Bob Schneider's Good Time Show features the award-winning recording artist and star of the television series Vid Kids. He has received international recognition as both a concert artist and as the author and composer of an international educational music program, and his shows are charged with warmth and enthusiasm.

Also featured on the Schneider tape are The Yum Yums, a dynamic trio of "mini-Supremes" and The Rainbow Kids, a chorus line of talented young people who sing, dance and light up the stage.

"Children learn more quickly when music is involved," says Dawson. "Performers in the new Golden Book Videos such as Schneider and Katharine Smithrim are not only entertainers — they're also well-respected educators.

"They're widely recognized as some of the best in the children's entertainment industry and they have dedicated followings in Canada, the U.S. and other countries.

The full range of Golden Book Videos includes Golden Storybooks Brought To Life, Step Ahead, Learn About Living, Golden Book Music and now Live Music.

The average length of each video is 30 minutes. All are available in VHS and BETA formats. They retail for under $20 and can be purchased at major department stores, book stores and home video outlets.

Special magic

The videos feature live performances specially produced by Golden Book Videos. Also available are well-known television programs such as Sharon, Lois and Bram's The Elephant Show; TV Ontario's Polka Dot Door and Today's Special and Atlantis Films' Troupers featuring author and storyteller Robert Munsch.

"The performances invite participation," says Dawson, "making it fun and entertaining for children while at the same time making them more aware of their own capabilities."

In the video entitled Sharon, Lois and Bram at Young People's Theatre, you'll see the best of the trio's captivating music in the style that has made them highly popular with kids across the continent.

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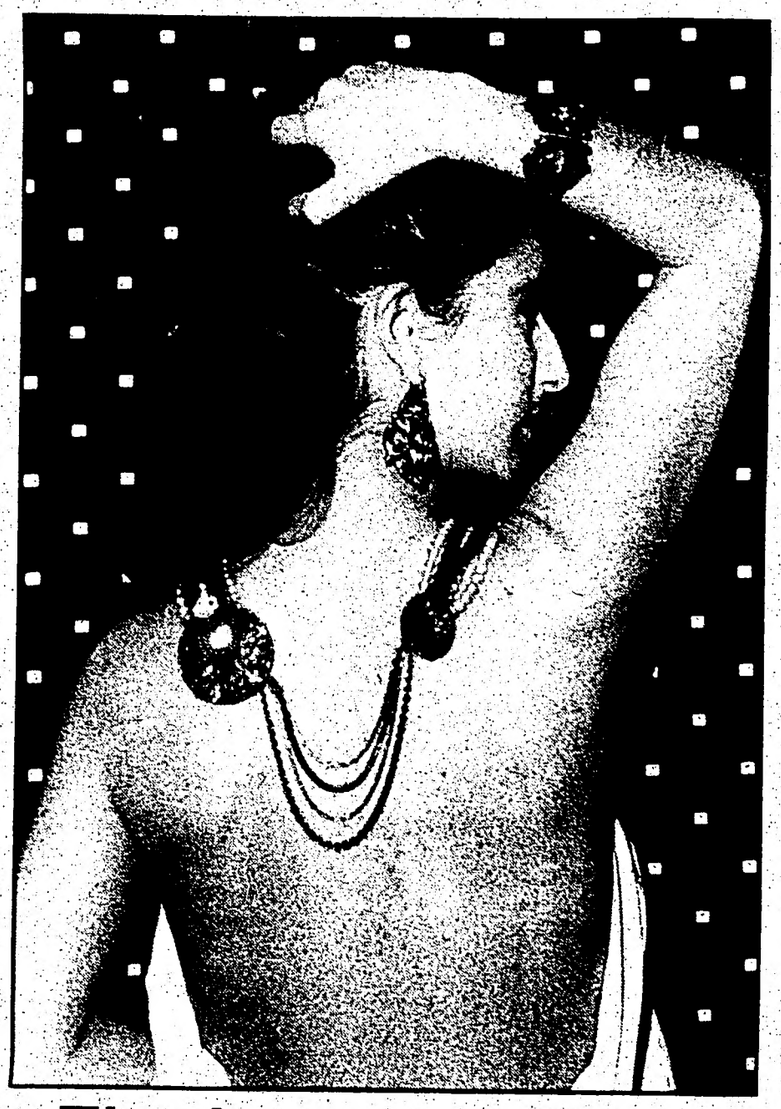

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Good fare for young and old

New books focus on literature, history and faith

By
DAVID BIRKAN

A number of recently published basics books promise good fare for young and old, as Chanukah approaches.

The Book of Jewish Books, by Ruth Frank and William Wollheim (Harper & Row) describes some 500 popular Jewish books. The capsule form reviews are arranged in topics, like arts, literature, children's reading, and Holocaust.

Prayerbooks, Bibles and machzorim also have their sponsoring rel;igious bodies noted. A helpful glossary and index of authors and titles are included.

The book is both a browser's delight and a valuable guide for gift and personal purchases.

The Book of Jewish Customs, by Harvey Lutske (Jason Aaronson, U.S. $25), provides well written, easy-to-read explanations for popular customs. Both newcomers to Jewish practices and veterans will glean valuable insights.

Most items are related to religious customs, but there are a few that could be described as downright bizarre. For example, a prime East European cure-all was garlic, which, the book says, was used in strands to ward off or cure illness; to promote the growth of hair; and as an aphrodisiac.

More typical are explanations for: shofar blowing; the head-bowed position used in reciting Tachanun (prayer of supplication); and saying grace after meals.

The First Book of Maccabees (Schocken, U.S. $10) is a small slim paperback reprint of a Clarendon Press translation first published in 1913 and a little commentary by H. A. Fischel from 1948. The English sounds archiac; the two maps are small and hard to follow.

This volume may be just the thing with which public transit commuters can refresh their knowledge of the Chanukah story.

A succinct detailed chapter describes the Maccabean revolt in The History of Israel and Judah in Old Testament Times, by Francois Castel (Paulist Press, U.S.$10). The book is a pleasant scholarly overview spanning some 2,000 years, and ends with the shift of Jewish centrality to the talmudic academies of Babylon.

A clear writing style, plenty of charts and illustrations, footnotes, a comprehensive bibliography, and a good index make the book attractive, readable and infomative.

The author, a French pastor, has been active in ecumenical affairs.

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Treats for young children include what could be called a book of appreciation and one about the steadfastness of Abraham.

Being a part of the Jewish people is one of many bounties that young children are reminded of, in Ruth Lipson's Modeh Ani Means Thank You (Feldheim Publishers).

This illustrated children's book reminds them — and parents, if they read the book aloud to them at bedtime — of all that they have to be grateful for, from the food they eat to the car they ride in. It's sensitive, and not at all preachy.

Author Shoshana Lepon, in her Ten Tests of Abraham (Judaica Press), uses an extended poem of 4-line stanzas to relate to children the crucial trials imposed upon the first Jew by God. Siegmund Forst's expressive sketches help emphasize the themes of fortitude, perseverance and trust in God.

Concludes Lepon, after describing Abraham:

And we, his children,
Can also grow strong,
By doing what's right
When our test comes along.

So when times are hard
We should still try our best —
Who knows? These troubles
May well be just a test.

Enjoy your microwave more with cooking, cleaning tips

By
ESTHER FISHER

One of the best features of a microwave oven, if you get one for Chanukah, is the ease with which dishes used in the oven can be cleaned. But make sure your cookware is microwave proof. Most glassware (not lead crystal) and fine porcelain dishes without gold or silver trim are microwave safe, but not margarine containers. A non-safe product could melt, break, or give off toxic odors and taste.

Round shapes are best for microwave cooking because microwave energy tends to concentrate at the corners and in a square dish, the centre may be cooked and the edges burnt. Micro-Mac products, created by a Canadian professional home economist, all have rounded edges eliminating most stirring and turning needed to promote even cooking.

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Here's one of the recipes to be used with the fluted tube-pan.

CARROT CAKE

1 cup sugar
1 cup vegetable oil
3 eggs
2 cups finely grated carrots
1⅓ cups all-purpose flour
1½ tsp. cinnamon
1½ tsp. baking soda
1½ tsp. baking powder
½ tsp. salt
1 cup chopped walnuts

Combine sugar, oil and eggs with a mixer. Blend in dry ingredients (except carrots and walnuts) to the sugar, oil and egg mixture. Fold in walnuts and carrots. Pour into fluted tube-pan; elevate with multi-rax (a Micro-Mac product which allows for better air circulation); and microwave on high for 8 to 9 minutes.

When the cake has baked, it may pull away from the sides and be moist on top. Be sure to let it stand in the pan for at least 10 minutes. Loosen edges with spatula and turn over onto cake plate. The cake may be iced with cream cheese frosting.

FROSTING

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Touring show has Canadian premiere at Koffler

American folk art charms with its simple honesty

By
MARK DODICK

TORONTO —

Folk art at its best is naive, colorful and idiosyncratic, possessing a native power of expression, and a capacity to charm with its simple honesty.

Visitors to the Koffler Gallery will have the opportunity to view a touring exhibit of this type of art from the Museum of American Folk Art until Jan. 30.

Sponsored by United Technologies Corporation, American Folk Art: Expressions Of A New Spirit represents the first Canadian showing of works from the New York museum.

Following its Canadian premiere at the Koffler Gallery, the exhibit travels to Halifax, Calgary and Quebec with the help of the International Program of the National Museums of Canada.

Special guests at the recent opening included Luci Baines Johnson, daughter of the former U.S. President and honorary patron of the Koffler Gallery, and Mike McManus, director of exhibitions.

Dr. Robert Bishop, director of the museum, curated the small but comprehensive exhibit of work created over a timespan of 300 years, and wrote the beautiful, full-color catalogue (also produced by United Technologies) that accompanies the show.

In the text, Bishop discusses the search for an adequate definition of folk art. The qualities he ascribes include "the expression of the common man," "the art of the people," the "indigenous American art experience."

Whatever the precise definition may be, the work was produced by self-taught, often anonymous creators who were not striving to imitate the work of fine artists.

Folk art is characterized by a decorative and pragmatic approach and is sometimes seen as an extension of craft.

It extends well beyond such traditional fine art disciplines of painting, sculpture, and printmaking to include furniture, weathervanes, whirligigs, scrimshaw (carved bone) dolls, decoys, ceramics, textiles in various forms and many other items reflecting daily concerns and useful in daily duties.

In the section on painting and furniture, Bishop makes an observation perhaps true of all folk art: "Though much of their work lacks technical competence, it does demonstrate a power of observation, a brilliant sense of design, and a wide range of the imagination."

The paintings on display range from portraits of a miller and a sea captain to a still-life, scenes of the countryside and General Washington on horseback.

In almost every case the images are subjective, flat, colorful, direct and personally meaningful to the creator.

Folk sculpture runs the gamut from gravestones to ship decoration to signs. It includes the famous cigar store figurines and quaint chalkware animals with nodding heads.

But to describe these objects as sculpture seems almost to apply an unfair label. Take for example the whirligig called Early Bird Gets the Worm by an unknown late 19th century artist.

This Witch on a Broomstick whirligig made by an unknown, 19th century artist is one of many inventive items on display at the Koffler's American Folk Art: Expressions of a New Spirit exhibit.

Made of carved and polychromed wood and wire, it is less sculpture than it is an amazing and amusing, moving, miniature theatrical event. It precedes kinetic sculpture of the 20th century and is a lot more fun to watch even when not moving.

This playful piece has cardplayers, a seesaw, two men sawing, and other characters jumping all while the early bird chases the worm.

Folk textiles sometimes pick up themes related to U.S. social, historical and political events. In other cases they resemble the purely abstract, colorful and geometric paintings of the 1960s.

One example of this type is the worthy quilt which embellishes the exhibition poster: the Tumbling Blocks quilt by Mrs. Ed Lantz of Elkhart, Indiana and made about 1910 of pieced and hand-quilted wool and cotton.

American Folk Art: Expressions Of A New Spirit should delight anyone who can suspend judgment about how the real world should look and recapture a playful sense of fresh innocence.

Gallery hours are Sunday to Thursday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Tuesday and Wednesday, 6-9 p.m.; and Friday, 9 a.m.to 12 noon Admission is free.

The catalogue for the show is available at the gallery and would probably make a great Chanukah gift. Hard cover is $19.95; soft cover, $17.95.

A brown bag lunch program Thursdays from 12.30-1.30 p.m. brings an array of activities and presentations on folk art to the gallery. It is co-sponsored by the Gibson House, Toronto Historical Board and the JCC Music Faculty.

A special lecture by an American art historian on folk art, sponsored by the U.S. consulate general will be offered in January.

For more information about the show and special events, phone Jane Mahut, director of the Koffler Gallery at (416) 636-2145 or 636-1880 ext. 252.

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Arts

Among 1,400 international artists

Israeli miniatures on display

By
MARK DODICK

TORONTO —

The work of 15 Israeli artists — each piece no bigger than a few inches square — is included with that of more than 1,400 artists participating in the First Annual International Exhibition of Miniature Art organized by the Del Bello Gallery.

More than 3,000 pieces from as far away as New Guinea, Thailand, Cuba and Iceland are on show at the gallery at 363 Queen St. W. until the end of December.

A catalogue accompanies the show with illustrations of the prize-winning work and those pieces accorded an honorable mention. None of the Israeli pieces received either honor.

Jury for the show, launched by gallery owner Egidio Del Bello who himself specializes in miniature etchings, consisted of gallery owner Luciana Benzi, and artists Sorel Etrog, Andre Eysachker, John MacGregor Barry Philip and Otis Tamasauka-as.

Israeli artists whose works are on display include: Jacques Heller, Menachem Lemberger, Alexander Gershman, Esther Yucht, Jacqueline Adari, Bella Sciakey, Tuli Bauman, Freidel Stern, Batia Lichansky, Ruth Avital, Ayala Gruber, Abraham Hasak, Hilda Gradstein, Avner Amir, and Ofra Zimbalista.

Packed in together in the same way that works in the French salons were once hung, the work on display is created in a wide variety of media including wood engraving, water color, oil paint, collage, acrylic and tempera.

Subject matter includes still life, landscapes, interiors, portraits and pure abstraction. Prices are reasonably low in keeping with the small sizes.

Among the more memorable pieces are Jacqueline Adari's Agony in Purple and Avner Amir's Melancholy Atmosphere. Both are moody mixtures of pure color and create an impact beyond their scale.

Unlike the more representational work, the eye does not have to fight to see all the detail and a stronger impression is left.

But the piece most likely to catch and keep the viewer's attention is Insect Portrait by Tuly Bauman. It is perhaps the only work where scale has become a consideration for subject matter.

This cyanotype screenprint juxtaposes a picture of former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger with a schematic design of an insect, probably a centipede.

The combined effect is rather humorous, but it is too politically dangerous to hazard a guess at its meaning.

Gallery hours are Monday to Saturday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sunday 12 noon-4 p.m. For more information, phone (416) 593-0884.

TVOntario to present new film on Chagall

TORONTO —

Famed Jewish artist Marc Chagall died in March, 1985, at the age of 96. For nearly 80 years he painted in a unique style that captivated generations of art lovers and fascinated and infuriated his critics.

On Monday, Jan. 19 at 9 p.m. TVOntario will present Chagall, a film that explores the work and history of a man who started life as a poor Russian Jew and became the grand old man of French art.

This British production, directed by Kim Evans, was made very shortly before Chagall's death and is the last film made about this great artist during his lifetime. It looks at his work through the eyes of Saul Greenberg, a young English painter whose curiosity about the artist is aroused when he finds he is living in Chagall's old studio in Paris.

The viewer goes with the young man as he travels through France on the trail of the enigmatic artist.

During his own lifetime Chagall became a living legend. He began life far from the art salons of Paris in a shtetl in provincial Russia.

He was swept up in the political and artistic maelstrom of the Russian Revolution and then moved to Paris.

Cubism, expressionism, surrealism — Chagall learned from all these movements as he rubbed shoulders with many of the great painters and poets of the century — Marisse, Leger, Dufy, Delaunay, and Apollinaire. But Chagall stayed very much his own man and developed a unique style that has been his hallmark.

Chagall spent the war years in the U.S. and in 1949 moved to the south of France, where he lived for the rest of his life. In his later years he created a number of monumental works for public places all over the world — in paint and later in stained glass.

His themes remained the same — shtetl life, lovers in surrealistic landscapes of flowers and fantasies, stories from the Bible — the excitement and sorrow of life itself.

The Mosquito Coast enthrals but also bores

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

Allie (Harrison Ford) is a wacky inventor of eccentric contraptions. Charlie (River Phoenix), his son, thinks he's a "mechanical genius."

There is no doubt that Allie is good with his hands. He certainly has a flair for taking things apart and putting them back together again.

But Allie's aspirations transcend machines. He wants to reshape the world in his own image. As *The Mosquito Coast* opens, Allie rants on and on how America is going to the dogs and being overtaken by Japan.

To Allie, America is old and tarnished. He has no place in its scheme of things. Allie develops a brainstorm that will unalterably change his life: He will take his wife and four children away from the soft material comforts of America and start anew in the jungles of Central America.

Jerry, his youngest son, has a premonition that nothing good will come out of it. That sets off alarm bells in the mind of a viewer: Something bad is bound to happen.

At the outset, everything goes off as planned. In a jungle clearing near a river, Allie builds a comfortable home for his family and plants vegetable gardens. He then indulges a whim by building a huge ice-making plant. Everyone, including his workers and his compliant wife (Helen Mirren), is impressed.

But Allie isn't truly satisfied with his accomplishments. He grows moody and begins to take himself too seriously. He decides to impress a remote Indian tribe by showing them something he thinks they've never seen — a slab of ice.

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The ice melts as he reaches their encampment, and the Indians tell him to go away. From that point onward, Allie's fondest hopes unravel.

In short order, Allie turns into an obsessed, malevolent creature bent on justifying his wildest whims and destroying the dreams of others.

The "new" society he had hoped to create is subverted.

The jungle takes over as Allie is plunged deeper into his own heart of darkness.

Based on a novel by Paul Theroux, The Mosquito Coast is a film that is both impressive and disappointingly flat.

It is a picture that alternately can enthral you and bore you: Amid expanses of suspense are stretches of unrelieved monotony.

Harrison Ford is credible as a man who's gone off the deep end, and River Phoenix is remarkably poised and mature. Helen Mirren, however, is rigid by comparison.

The Mosquito Coast, now playing exclusively at the Plaza, contains memorable moments. But on balance, this is a film whose parts are better than the whole.

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books

By BERNARD BASKIN

6400 Questions About Judaism and the Jewish People, by Edmond Y. Lipsitz. J.E.S.L. Educational Products, $14.95.

The famous parlor game Trivial Pursuit has led to a rash of similar attempts to test our knowledge and memory. A successful example is this intriguing volume that provides a wide-ranging source of information about Jewish life, religion, history and culture. It can be picked up at any time and opened on any page to elucidate and entertain.

Three salient features about this compact and handsome paperbound volume are especially appealing: both questions and answers are printed on the same page, making it unnecessary for the reader to turn constantly to the back of the book; there is a full and detailed index (not usually found in a book of this kind) that leads the reader quickly to any theme or subject in which he may be interested special section is devoted to all aspects of Canadian Jewish life.

Some of the questions are relatively simple: Who agreed to relinquish his birthright to his brother in exchange for a meal? (Esau). How many people are called up to the Torah on the Sabbath? (Seven). What direction does the worshipper face while reciting the Amidah Prayer? (Toward Jerusalem).

Some of the questions are of moderate difficulty: What people destroyed the Second Temple? (Babylonians). What tragic biblical character came from the land of Uz? (Job). What 17th century butcher of Jews is still regarded as a Ukrainian national hero? (Bogden Chamielnicki).

Some of the questions are difficult and require specialized knowledge: Name the Jew in Christopher Marlowe's anti-semitic play The Jew of Malta? (Barabas). Who was Abraham's mother? (Amathlai, daughter of Karnevo). How many letters are in the Torah? (304,805).

The Canadian section provides a few surprises. Who was elected to the House of Commons nine consecutive times since 1962? (David Orlikow - NDP). Born Mildred Herman in Toronto, she became a dancer with the New York City Ballet and was considered one of the world's great dancers. Who was she? (Melissa Hayden). Toronto-born Ross Brooks was the outstanding goalie of what hockey team? (Boston Bruins).

A number of the questions might have been answered differently: The Oral Law includes more than the Mishnah; the author of the Zohar is more properly Moses de Leon than Rabbi Simeon Ben Yohai; Passover is celebrated for seven days according to the Bible and is so observed in Israel and by Reform Jews in the Diaspora; it is uncertain that Herzog is Saul Bellow's "greatest literary achivement."

The editor of this formidable work of research is the director of education and culture for the Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region.

For readers whose intellectual appetite remains unappeased, the author has compiled a helpful bibliography of source material.

This volume should take its place as part of the library of every Jewish home.

Genuine Fakes is shallow and trite

By FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

There's a saying in Hollywood about showbiz that goes: "Scratch the phony tinsel and beneath it you'll find — more tinsel."

Then there's the famous saying of pop artist Andy Warhol that goes: "In America everybody craves to be a celebrity for at least 10 minutes."

I was reminded of both sayings while watching *Genuine Fakes*, playing until Dec. 14 at Toronto Free Theatre, 26 Berkeley St., 368-2856.

Vancouver playwright John Lazarus calls his drama a pop satire on the "cult of instant celebrity." It struck me, however, as being more like a glib, talky, sporadically amusing rock video rather than a play.

Its theme is an interesting one — namely the hunger for recognition sought by no-talent unknowns whose insatiable appetite is fed by mass media gossip mongers the likes of People Magazine and the TV show, *Lifestyles Of The Rich And Famous*.

Unfortunately, though, the plot and characters are too shallow to hold one's interest for two hours.

It deals with a mousy, 20-year-old blonde salesclerk in a Vancouver bookstore named Sharon. Evidently she bears a striking resemblance to Lacey Medallion, who in turn is a Madonna-like rock star, with a nasal New York accent, a spiky blonde wig, and a nipple ring she displays on her left breast.

Sharon wins a "lip-synch or swim" contest staged by a Genuine Fakes model agency which specializes in teaching lookalikes how to perform for commercials.

The unctuous Englishman who runs the agency explains the rationale of his business in the play's only witty line that made me laugh: "Why does Canada have to import American talent? Why not develop our own Canadian imitations?"

The rest of the trite plot inevitably concerns the transformation of Sharon's character. Taken in by media hype and weirdo autograph hunters, she only feels alive when masquerading in the guise of the glamor darling of rock fans.

I liked the original rock ballad, written by Canadian composer John Roby, which points up mockingly the artificiality of the pop music business, *What You See Is What You Get*.

I also liked the acting of 31-year-old Brenda Bazinet, who convincingly develops the split personality of Sharon-Lacey.

But like a rock video song, hammering home one note repeatedly, the show swiftly palls. It's recommended for a specialized audience of very, very young rock fans.

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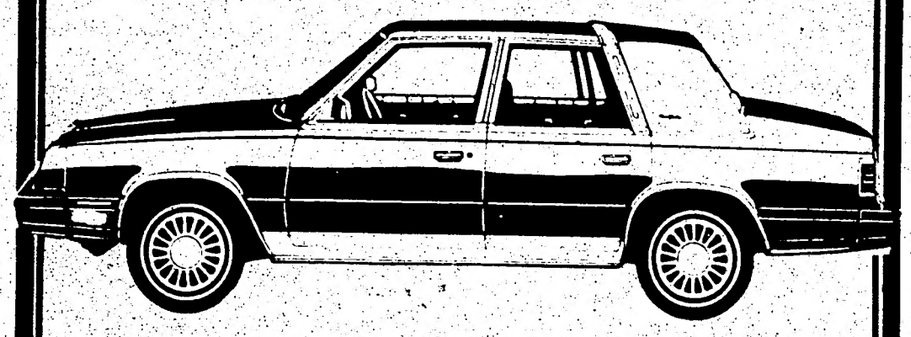
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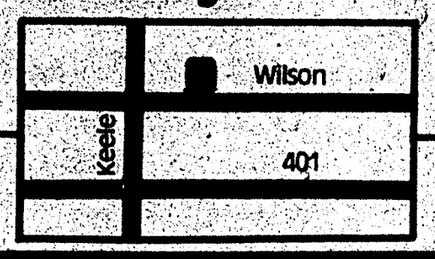

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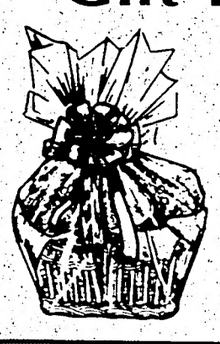
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Ben Steinberg composes work set to Psalm

Symposium looks at music, liturgy in changing times

music

By
RICK KARDONNE

Toronto's Ben Steinberg was the Jewish composer commissioned to create a work set to Psalm 136, together with three interpretations of the same psalm by Christian composers, at a first-of-its-kind symposium entitled Sacred Sound and Social Change held at New York's Hebrew Union College on Oct. 26-27.

Ben Steinberg

The symposium, addressing the issue of music and liturgy in times of social change, was co-sponsored by the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, Union Theological Seminary and Yale Institute of Sacred Music, at the Brookdale Center in Greenwich Village.

Speakers at the symposium, addressing this issue from both historical and contemporary perspectives, included Rabbi Geoffrey Goldberg, composer and Eastman professor Samuel Adler from the Jewish perspective; Sue Seid-Martin of St. Paul's Seminary from the Roman Catholic perspective and Princeton Westminster Choir College's Robin Leaver and Boston University's Horace Allen from the Protestant perspective.

Moderators are Ruth Steiner of Catholic University, Washington, and Columbia's Kay Kaufman-Shelemay, who spoke at Temple Sinai five years ago on the music of Ethiopian Jewry.

Besides Ben Steinberg, the other commissioned composers included Don Saliers of Atlanta's Emory University, Nansi Carroll of St. Augustine's Parish, Gainesville, Fla., and Alec Wyton of New York's Manhattan School of Music.

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The Toronto Pops Orchestra, Canada's reply to the Boston Pops, opened its first full season under the baton of Norman Reintamm at Massey Hall Nov. 22, featuring Moe Koffman and his Quintet.

A gala reception followed in Rosedale to which were invited many of Canada's leading music personalities.

Concert pianist Valerie Tryon will present an all-Gershwin program Feb. 14 with the Toronto Pops. On March 7, America's jazz-cabaret legend Eartha Kitt will perform works by many of this century's greatest pop composers. Another living legend, Cab Calloway, will appear with the Toronto Pops on May 9.

In a different but equally popular vein, the music of Gilbert and Sullivan will be saluted by the Toronto Pops on April 11. For further information, call 593-4828.

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Cantor Aviva Katzman, of Lynbrook, NY, recently at Holy Blossom as guest performer, has a lovely, polished soprano voice which can exude a soaring piety once she is freed from over-attention to her text and her vibrato.

In her rendition of an Oneg Shabbat service specially prepared for her, presumably by Cantor Benjamin Maissner, Katzman's performance, while uneven, did display definite moments of greatness.

When she had to closely read the various texts as she performed, she was most ill at ease. Not only did she not emotionally communicate with the audience, but her voice seemed burdened by a heavy vibrato which at times acted as a mechanical artifice.

But when she knew her texts more by heart, as in, for example, I. Miron's V'Shamru and Ben Steinberg's Shalom Rav, the vibrato was less affected, and she was able to properly emotionalize with the congregation. Her naturally pure yet full voice became inspiringly soaring.

Other included compositions of particular musical stength ranged from Salomine Rossi's classically baroque Barchi to Kurt Weill's fascinating Kiddush with its vaguely slow jazzy harmonies subtly hinted within a traditional free-flow East European Jewish liturgical framework.

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By VIVIENNE MUHLING 483-9331

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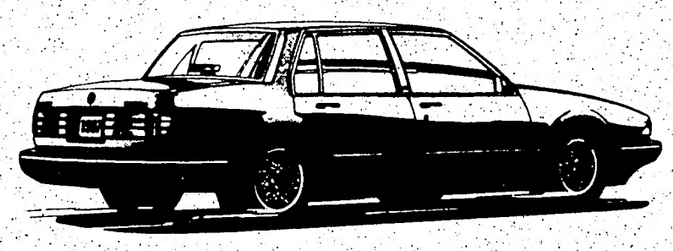

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Two hot song-and-dance shows leave critic half-cold

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

Two hot song-and-dance revues opened in Toronto last week intent on warming you up for the cold season.

Though they're totally different in character, this reviewer found they had one thing in common. Neither of them totally warmed me up.

I found about one half of each show bright and exhilarating and incendiary. The other half left me cold.

So with that qualifier out of the way, let me introduce you to this pair of half-sizzlers.

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Stepping Out With My Baby, **at the Royal York Hotel's Imperial Room until Dec. 20, is a brash, peppy, fast-paced sampling of 32 pop musical numbers, with dancing and singing by six young gifted and good-looking New Yorkers — three men and three women.**

New York producer Larry Alford staged a similar Broadway-style revue at the Imperial Room two years ago called *Gotta Sing! Gotta Dance!* And this show has the same virtues — and deficiencies — as that one.

His six vocalizing hoofers clearly know how to strut their stuff. They change costumes with lightning speed, and switch effortlessly in singing style from a strawhat medley of Nashville she-done-me-wrong hurtin' songs to a tophat-and-tails version of Irving Berlin's *Hostess With The Mostess*.

The choreography by Greg Ganakas and costume design by Gladys James are sleek and glitzy. I particularly enjoyed the mini-can-can number and the medley of steppin'-out-to-Harlem tunes.

On the negative side, though, the show lacks charm and character. With the exception of a minute or two before the *Fame* and *A Chorus Line* medley, when each member of the cast briefly mentions a previous show in which he or she performed, we don't get to know them as individuals.

Consequently, when the show is half over, they blur into a set of faceless clones, the men with light tenor voices, the women with fixed smiles on their unlined pretty masks, all racing with mechanical precision through their routines.

As F. Scott Fitzgerald once said, one pretty girl alone can be beautiful, but a dozen pretty girls are just a chorus line.

Still, the six performers here are nice to look at. And imperishable golden oldies, the likes of *Ain't Misbehavin'* and *La Vie En Rose* — even when sliced short in medleys — will always warm the cockles of anybody's heart.

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As everybody knows, it takes two to tango.

But I must confess that *Tango Argentino*, the 3-hour tribute to Argentina's national ballroom mania at the O'Keefe Centre, takes more unswerving dedication to a tango dance step than I can command.

I must confess, too, I went to see the show with a false preconception. I expected it to be a celebration of Spanish flamenco dancing, which I adore, with perhaps a smidgeon of *Hernando's Hideaway* tossed in.

This show, which apparently took New York and Paris by storm, will obliterate forever your notion of the tango as the missing slink — something that used to be danced seriously by a Brylcream-haired Rudolph Valentino and mockingly by a cigar-chomping Groucho Marx in between loping after blondes.

Produced by two obsessed set designers, who scoured Argentina for the country's 30 most expert tango dancers and musicians, the revue has been hyped as the rediscovery of a 100-year-old lost art form, which has fallen in disrepute.

Spawned in the cathouses and back alleys of Buenos Aires, tango (from the Latin word *tangere*, meaning "to touch") is certainly presented here as a more sensuous dance than I had expected.

The performers wrap their legs around each other's thighs like libidinous clinging vines, and the women strut and glide and even leap into their partners' arms with sexual abandon.

I found refreshing the fact that most of the performers are middle-aged, the men cavorting in their tuxedos like stout George Rafts with gray hair glistening with grease, the women with well-worn faces and thin white scarves flashing thighs of well-dimpled power.

But I must admit that the music, which features an Argentine-style squeeze-box accordion, ultimately became as monotonous to my ears as a yowling alley cat.

And *three hours* of a tango dance step — no matter how intricately and artistically executed — too soon becomes too much. At the half-way mark, I was ready to call it quits and abandon all that repetitive heat for the cold.

Six hoofers and singers from New York star in the Imperial Room revue, Stepping Out With My Baby.

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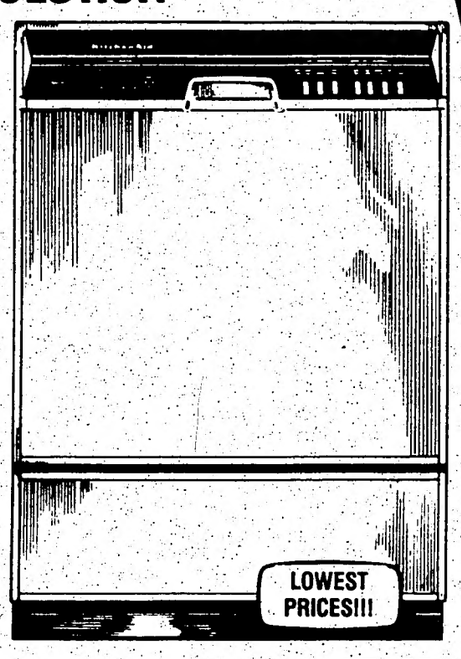

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Travel

Relics of Jewish community near Bridgetown

Barbados drops taxes to entice winter vacationers

By
JAMES MONTAGNES

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados —

To entice more Canadian visitors to come to this West Indian island this winter, hotel and restaurant taxes are being lowered from 8 to 5% as of Dec. 15, Brantford Taitt, minister of tourism, announced recently. At the same time he reported that land taxes payable by hotels and apartment hotels have been reduced by 50%.

"These moves," he explained, "are intended to stabilize prices paid by vacationers in Barbados." Also as of January the fee for a visitor's driving permit will be reduced from $30 Barbadian to $10 Barbadian (Barbados dollar is about 68 cents Canadian on recent exchange quotations). Wine prices at dining spots will also be cut by about 20%.

It is now cheaper to travel to and stay in Barbados than it was two years ago, the tourism minister said. He added that Canadians are the best liked visitors in Barbados. Canadian currency is accepted at current exchange rates throughout the island, and Canadians own about 20% of the hotel properties.

Because of the drop in exchange of the Canadian dollar versus the U.S. dollar in the past few years, there has been a falling-off of Canadian visitors, while European visitors with rising currency compared to the U.S. dollar have been coming over in increasing numbers.

Barbados, with winter temperatures ranging between 20 to 29 C, and summer temperatures of 24 to 31 C, has been popular with Canadians for generations. There are three Canadian banks established on the island. Trade between Canada and Barbados dates back to the last century — at one time there were even passenger-cargo steamship services between the two countries.

Barbados as a tourist destination has plenty of attraction, as this travel reporter can attest. There are good beaches around most of the 166-square mile coral limestone island, best known for its sugar and rum production. Some 800 miles of paved roads crisscross the island, and if you don't rent a car, there are taxis and buses available, as well as a dozen private companies which offer island tours.

In the capital city of Bridgetown, the hub of business and shopping is around the Careenage, the inland waterway where since early 17th century settlement sailing ships have been overhauled and their hulls cleaned of barnacles. You'll find an assortment of small and large inter-island sailing ships here at any time of the year, the main source of transportation between the West Indian islands.

Near the Careenage is Trafalgar Square with its fountain constructed in 1865 to commemorate the introduction of piped water to the city. The fountain was presented by the British Montefiore family. At that time there was still a small Jewish community in Bridgetown, founded in the mid-17th century when Jews from Brazil fled to the island.

Mementoes of this community are few today, but this travel reporter found Synagogue Lane nearby where the former Sephardic synagogue stood. Now the site has a government office building. You'll also find the Barbados House of Assembly on Trafalgar Square.

There is a small synagogue for the Ashkenazi community on the island on Rockley New Road in Christ Church Parish, east of Bridgetown.

Of further interest to Jewish visitors is an old cemetery where gravestones date back several hundred years. Restoration has been done here in recent years. It is located in Synagogue Lane.

Morgan Lewis Windmill in Barbados, built by Dutch Jews in 17th century, last remaining windmill intact on the island.

In the Barbados Museum, about a mile outside Bridgetown, there are artifacts from the old synagogue including a marble basin for washing the hands before taking the Torah from the Ark, a brass menorah and a pew bench.

In the northwestern part of the island in St. Andrew's Parish is the Morgan Lewis windmill, built by Dutch Jews in the 17th century. It is the only Barbadian windmill whose arms and wheelhouse are still intact.

The island has dozens of small hotels, few with over 150 rooms, mostly privately owned and the larger ones operated by international hotel chains such as Hilton, Holiday Inns, Cunard and Marriott. There are also dozens of apartment hotels and guest houses, while more than 50 major restaurants service Bajan delicacies such as flying fish, fish chowder, dolphin, tuna and other seafood.

Nightlife is varied, with at least one night club open every night of the week with live entertainment including steel bands, Bajan folk dancers, fire eaters, belly dancers, calypso bands and reggae bands.

There are at least three golf courses on the island, a number of tennis and squash courts, horseback riding is popular, there is sailing, windsurfing, surfing, and snorkeling. Reefs about the island are used by scuba divers. Deepsea fishing close to shore, just off the northern and southern reefs will net you blue marlin, wahoo, sailfish and barracuda.

Kosher cuisine offered on cruises to Mexican ports

BUFFALO —

Kosher food has been a missing element in cruising. Ships with full operational kosher kitchens are a thing of the past with the withdrawal of Israel's Zim Line fleet.

There have been sporadic departures in the last two decades on such ships as the Queen Anna Maria, the Statendam, Mardi Gras and the World Renaissance.

Now, Go Kosher Tours, operators of land tours to the West and Europe, have inaugurated a regular series of winter sailings on the SS Galileo which departs Miami every Sunday on 5-day cruises to the Yucutan Peninsula (Mexico) in the western Caribbean.

The 1987 winter program calls for two departures on Jan. 4 and 11. Additional sections will be added according to demand.

The Galileo was built in the 1960s for transatlantic sailing; thus the cabins and public space tend to be more roomy than most ships plying Caribbean waters in winter. It was one of several ships built by the Italian line that could not compete with the advent of jet travel at the time and was drydocked for a decade.

The current five-day itinerary is ideal for the kosher traveler since it returns to Miami on Friday mornings permitting one to spend the Sabbath ashore (and at less cost). Ports visited are Key West, Cancun, and Cozumel.

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Miami expecting tourist boom

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

MIAMI —

Miami and its sister city, Miami Beach, have experienced a tourist boom this year as travelers, mindful of the upsurge of international terrorism, have postponed trips abroad.

And if the trend continues, the Miami area will register its best tourism season in history.

Perhaps in anticipation of this good news, hotels and hotel chains have embarked on a multi-million dollar renovation and building program.

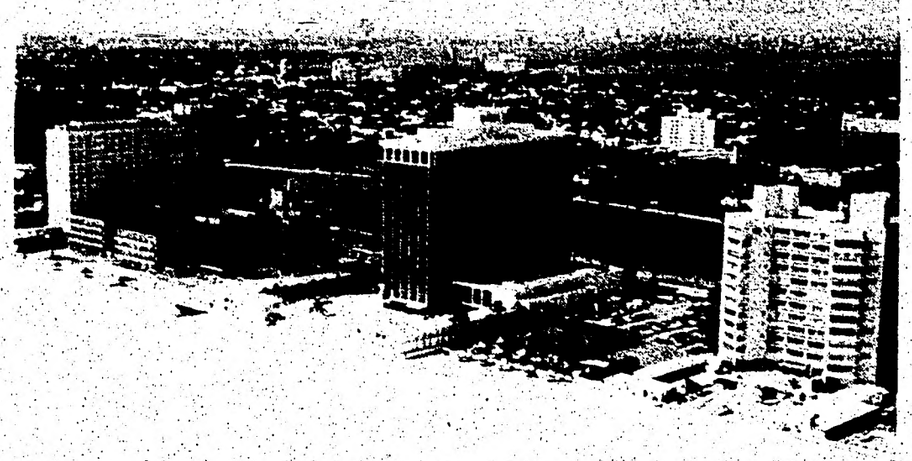
The Doral hotel chain has invested more than $50 million in new facilities and renovations to its two Miami properties — the *Doral Hotel On-the-Ocean* in Miami Beach, and the *Doral Hotel and Country Club* in Miami.

Built in 1963, the 18-storey Doral Hotel On-the-Ocean has remodeled all its 420 rooms, redesigned and relandscaped the pool deck, converted one of the cabana buildings into an ocean front villa containing a restaurant and a bar, and added a health and fitness centre with a professional instruction staff.

The hotel's seven restaurants and lounges have also been revamped, and the rooftop Starlight Room recently launched its second season of live entertainment featuring Broadway style musical reviews.

Located at 4833 Collins Ave., the Doral is within easy driving distance of Miami International Airport.

In January, the totally refurbished 650-room Doral Hotel and Country Club plans to inaugurate a 48-suite, 4-storey spa that will offer what is describes as a "4-point program of nutrition, fitness, stress management and image-making."



The Doral Hotel-On-The-Ocean in Miami Beach.

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Nearby, the *Carlyle* and the *Leslie* have also undergone restoration and are now fully operational.

At Ocean and 167 St., in Sunny Isles, the *Newport Beach Hotel* has undergone a massive facelift. The Newport is close to Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport, the Adventura Mall and the Bal Harbour shopping complex.

Elsewhere, the *Fontainebleau Hilton* has completed its expansion program, giving it an extra 60,000 square feet. The *Sheraton Riverhouse* and the *Sonesta Beach Hotel*, in Key Biscayne, have also renovated.

In Miami, right across from the airport, the 285-room *Hotel Sofitel* opened in October. In Coral Gables, a fashionable residential area, the historic *Biltmore Hotel*, known since 1926 for its Mediterranean ambience, will be rebuilt at a cost of some $40 million.

Meanwhile, the Hyatt chain is building a $50 million, 240-room hostelry.

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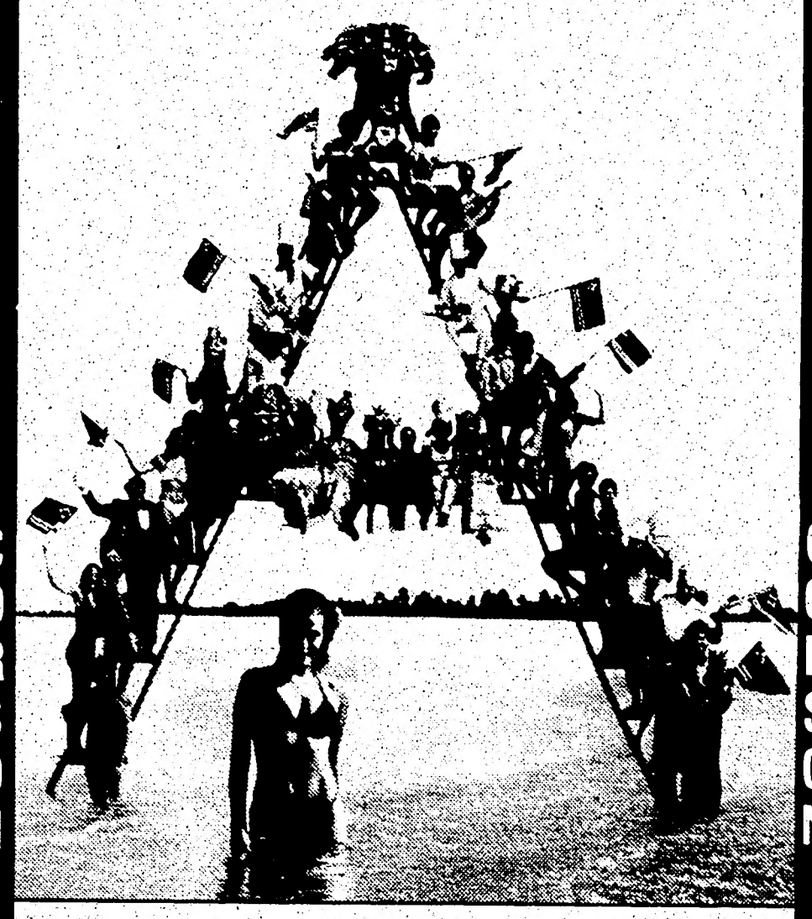

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Air Canada extends successful frequent flyer program

TORONTO — Air Canada will extend its frequent flyer program — Aeroplan — by two years, the airline has announced.

"Aeroplan members can now accumulate mileage until December 31, 1989 with reward travel to be completed by Dec. 14, 1990," said Air Canada Frequent Flyer Program manager Gordon Young.

Previous deadlines stipulated that Aeroplan mileage had to be accumulated by Dec. 31, 1987 and travel by members completed by Dec. 1, 1988.

"The success of Aeroplan has exceeded all our expectations and it has proved to be tremendously popular with our customers and a valuable marketing tool for Air Canada," said Young.

While the ongoing participation of partners in Aeroplan has yet to be negotiated, two carriers, Air Nova of Halifax, Nova Scotia and Air Ontario of London, Ontario, have committed to the 2-year extension.

Aeroplan, which was launched by Air Canada in July, 1984, currently has a membership of 225,000.

Meanwhile, the airline has become the country's first to offer advance boarding passes to its customers. The carrier launched a type-trial program through selected Air Canada ticket offices, travel agents and commercial accounts in November.

Advance boarding pass printing will allow passengers the convenience of receiving their board passes before arrival at the airport.

"Ten Air Canada ticket offices and some 50 Reservec-equipped travel agencies and commercial accounts in 16 Canadian cities are involved in the trial," says Dave Hempsall, manager of computer/communications sales & service for Air Canada.

"The aim of the type-trial period, which runs until April 1, 1987, is to resolve any snags in the new system and to ensure the quality of the advance boarding pass system we'll ultimately offer to our customers," Hempsall adds.

Chain and independent travel agents, together with commercial accounts chosen for the project, represent a cross-section of high volume, Reservec-equipped outlets from across Canada.

Advance boarding passes will be available at selected Air Canada city ticket offices in Halifax, Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Winnipeg and New York. All outlets, with the exception of New York, will offer the advance boarding pass availability to First, Executive, and full fare Economy passengers travelling on Air Canada routes.

An exception will be out of New York where advance boarding passes will be available to passengers in these classes destined to Canadian points served by Air Canada.

Also, on Rapidair services in the Toronto-Ottawa-Montreal triangle, advance boarding passes will be available exclusively to Air Canada En Route Gold Card holders who book within 48 hours of flight time.

Florida marketing aims at Canadians

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Promotion of Canadian tourism in Florida has been given a boost with the appointment of Ellis Webber as the state's new director of Canadian marketing.

"Webber has a distinguished background in the tourism industry, and the department's division of tourism is extremely fortunate to have gained his expertise," said Jose Estorino, bureau chief of international marketing for the state's department of commerce.

Canadian promotions, public relations and advertising will all be Webber's responsibilities. He will encourage an increase in Canadian visitors to Florida by working closely with the Canadian travel industry professionals and consumers.

Webber was formerly with the CAA Travel Agencies Ltd. and he served as Travel USA's manager for Canada.

The Florida state tourism office is located at 96 Bloor St. W. in Toronto. Travel agents and tour operators may call for Florida travel information at (800) 268-3791 or in Toronto 928-3111.

Stunning photos in coffeetable book

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

The sense of wonder that is Canada is beautifully expressed in *Sciencescape: The Nature of Canada (Oxford University Press, $24.95).*

Sciencescape is not your usual travelogue, for it is a collaboration between an erudite scientist, David Suzuki, a brilliant photographer, Hans Blohm, and an accomplished writer, Majorie Harris.

This coffeetable volume achieves two main goals. It shows off Canada in all its natural glory and it explains how scientific principles work in nature.

The photographs are simply stunning.

Several I particularly liked: Arctic ice flows glinting in a late afternoon sun; the mud flats of the Bay of Fundy; the flamboyant autumn colors in one Ontario county; the deep blue color of the Atlantic off the Cabot Trail; Niagara Falls at dusk; the majestic Nahanni River snaking its way over rugged country; the jagged Carcajou Mountains in the MacKenzie Valley.

Such wonders of nature cannot be taken for granted. And, as the authors suggest, we could lose it all if we treat our environment like a disposable pop can.

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Business Outlook

Joyce Green successfully takes up challenge

Homes reflect builder's artistic background

By CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

Bo-Bo the builder, as she is affectionately called by her grandchildren, is shattering the image of the male-dominated profession of home living.

Joyce Green, who has worked as a school teacher, an interior decorator and a professional sculptor, began her new career as a builder when her husband Herbert, a builder and land developer, presented her with a hard hat for her birthday.

He challenged her to build a community of "finely crafted homes that would appeal to people who appreciate a picturesque historic area."

With a chuckle Joyce says, "Herb made me an offer I couldn't refuse. When our children moved to Israel, Herb needed someone to step in and become involved with the business. Herb and I enjoy working together, so I thought why not."

The Greens live in Edmund Seager's pre-Confederation home known as York Hill Farm in the Thornhill area of Vaughan which consisted of some 20 acres of farmland. The original 140-year-old farmhouse remains, and the Greens renovated the old home which is now their elegant residence.

With determination, the attractive, bubbly grandmother of four, built six designer homes in the Edmund Seager Estates. When they were sold, she began phase II, nine more luxurious homes, some designed by the prize-winning architectural firm of Gabor & Popper.

In the new community which is north of Centre St. between Bathurst and Yonge Sts., Joyce says, "We're trying to retain the traditional flavor."

She adds that as a mother and housewife, she is aware of the needs in the kitchen and how to set up a dining room for entertaining guests. "Women have an eye for a balabatish home," she notes, "and we've incorporated many things that women dream of having in their homes, as well as innovative and luxurious features."

Joyce Green's homes reflect her artistic background. "We've concentrated on interesting roof treatments, detailed brickwork, elegant front entrances, and large windows that are designed to bring the surrounding treed area inside. The houses back on to acre-size lots. "It's like living in the country."

There are five styles of 2-storey brick homes that offer large living areas from 2,968 to 3,683 sq. ft. Some have lofts overlooking a 2-storey living room, bright greenhouse kitchens, curved staircases with oak stairs, railings and pickets, and double-door foyers with a 2-storey entrance. The houses are priced in the $375,000 range.

Joyce is an avid skier and she's named the houses after well-known ski resorts like Camonix, Courchevel and Val D'Isere. And with her background as a sculptor and interior designer, she's thought about almost everything, even the coach lamps, the mail box and dead bolts for the front door.

"Building a house is almost like sculpting," she says, "We are constantly reviewing our house designs to figure out the best use of space.

"I'm delighted that our homes are being purchased by people who understand the quality and lifestyle that these homes and area provide."

She is the mother of four children, Marvin who is studying music in Paris, Cheryl Kempinski (who made aliya a year-and-a-half ago with her husband Moshe and their three children), Rabbi David Green of Aish Hatorah ("who recently married a southern belle, Judy"), and Lisa who is studying at Neve Yerushalyim and teaches dance in Israel.

"My life is busy and exciting. I love to get up every morning, look out my window, and see my building going up. I can thank organizations like the National Council of Jewish Women which taught us to be organized and able to handle life as wife, mother, grandmother, and active participants in the business world."

If you wish to view the Edmund Seager Homes at Rosegreen and Centre Sts., call (416) 731-5678 or (416) 881-2001.

Joyce Green is shattering the image of the male-dominated building business. [Cynthia Gasner photo]

Bank announces new appointments

TEL AVIV —

Bank Hapoalim has announced a series of new appointments in the reorganization of its international operations, which include 30 branches, subsidiaries and offices in 14 countries.

Senior deputy managing director Avi Olshansky, recently named head of the bank's overseas network, has also been appointed chairman of the board of directors of the subsidiary branch in Switzerland, as well as member of the board of subsidiaries in Canada and the Cayman Islands.

At the same time, the bank's international activities have been divided into two sectors, it was announced. One, dealing with overseas branches and international trade will be headed by Alexander Yuhjtman, and the second, handling foreign exchange, import-export, tourists and foreign residents, by Eli Zamir. Yuhjtman and Zamir are both senior assistant managing directors of Bank Hapoalim.

Uzi Vardy-Zer, who formerly headed international operations, has assumed responsbility for North American activities which includes branches, subsidiaries and representative offices in New York, Chicago, Boston, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Encino, Miami, Toronto and Montreal.

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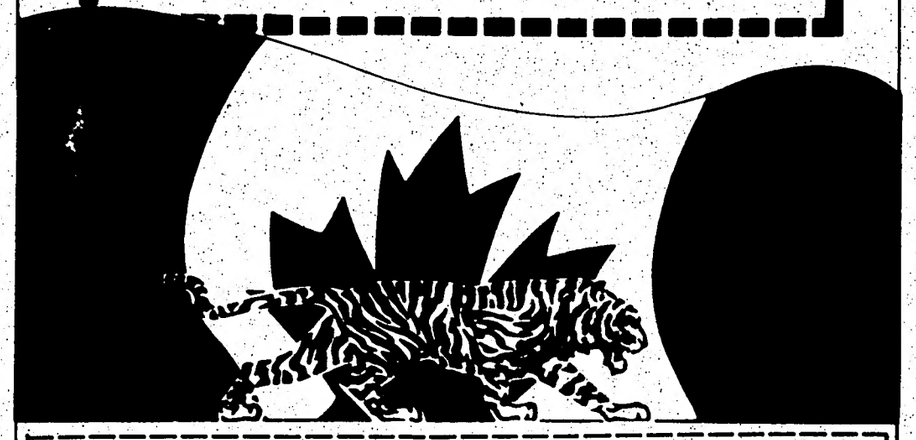

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Business Outlook

Israeli business leader receives Belgian award

JERUSALEM —

The Order of King Leopold I has been awarded to Israeli business leader Moshe Schnitzer, president of the Israel Diamond Exchange and honorary president of the World Federation of Diamond Bourses, in recognition of his unique contribution to the development of the world diamond trade.

The Belgian award was presented on behalf of King Baudouin by the ambassador of Belgium in Israel, Bob Lebacq, in the presence of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

Moshe Schnitzer

Order of King Leopold I

Shamir hailed Schnitzer's leadership of the Israel diamond branch for more than a quarter of a century during which polished diamonds have become the country's largest export industry with $1.5 billion in overseas sales anticipated for 1986.

Ambassador Lebacq said that Schnitzer is receiving the highest honor of the Belgian government for his central role in expanding the worldwide diamond trade, while fostering expansive trade relations between Israel and Belgium, the two major centres of the world diamond trade.

In noting that the success of these two diamond capitals are linked, it was pointed out that Israeli exports of polished stones to Belgium will exceed $160 million this year, most of which are re-exported through Antwerp's diamond exchanges to the United States and other consumer markets.

At the same time Israeli diamond cutters import massive quantities of rough stones from Belgian sources for processing here. These account for more than 60% of the rough diamonds reaching Israel and are valued at about $700 million annually.

Schnitzer has served as president of the Israel Exchange since 1964, heading the development of the most comprehensive modern complex for the world diamond trade in Ramat Gan. At the same time, he was president of the World Federation of Diamond Bourses during part of that period, becoming honorary president after serving the maximum four terms.

His own firm has been a "Distinguished Exporter" of Israeli diamonds for 20 years, ranked as one of the two largest exporting companies in the trade each year.

Park Plaza Hotel sold

TORONTO —

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By
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TORONTO —
A park was officially opened at the entrance of a planned housing development that is expected to attract many affluent members of the Jewish community.

Richmond Hill Mayor Al Duffy and York Region chairman Eldrid King cut ribbons officially opening Southview Park at the 950-acre Bayview Hill project north of Highway 7.

Development of the land, bounded by Bayview Ave., Leslie St., Major Mackenzie Dr. and Sixteenth Ave., is expected to take 10 years, with phase one in the southwest quadrant to be completed in about two years.

The Forest Hill-like project will feature luxury homes on spacious lots ranging in size from 60 feet by 140 feet and up to 80 feet by 200 feet. Prices will begin at about $300,000.

Fraser Nelson, general manager of Metrus Management-Land Development which is jointly developing the land with The Glen Group, says Bayview Ave. has historically been attractive to the Jewish community which has continued to move northward.

A Conservative synagogue, Shaareh Haim, is already planning to start a branch of the United Synagogue Day Schools.

Ted Wine, executive vice-president of Greenpark Homes, one of six builders on the site, said the homes will likely attract upper middle-class Jewish professionals who are ready to move into larger houses but can't afford the higher prices of Forest Hill and Rosedale.

Already the response from Jewish people has been "tremendous," said Wine, and Greenpark Homes, which hasn't yet put their planned homes up for sale, has a "substantial" list of people interested in buying.

Nelson said the site — formerly farmland — was acquired about two years ago, and long term plans call for the construction of 2,400 single family residences all with "architecturally controlled" features, and none less than 2,500 square feet in size. The average size will be 3,500 square feet.

When completed, the elegantly landscaped community will be self-contained with schools, churches and shopping facilities including one five-acre shopping development at Bayview Ave. and Weldrick Rd.

There will also be 45 acres of parkland including one neighborhood park in each quadrant and a large park in the community's centre. A 60-acre Beaver Creek valley land area will be left in its natural state with the exception of nature trails.

Architects will mimic Forest Hill with Georgian and Tudor Styles such as stone archways and herring bone brick work.

Twelve model homes are already under construction by the builders which include Wycliffe Homes, Townwood Homes, The Georgian Group, Regal Crest Homes and Bayview Cartier Developments Inc.

Home buyers will be able to begin moving into the first 500 phase one homes in the fall of 1987, Nelson said.

Allan Duffy, mayor of Richmond Hill, (second from left) and Eldrid King, chairman of York Region, cut a ribbon to officially open Bayview Hill's Southview Park as Alfredo DeGasperis, of Metrus-Management-Land Development (left) and Jack Rose, of The Glen Group, look on.

Credit Institute to hold programs

TORONTO —
The Toronto chapter of the Canadian Credit Institute will present two educational events early in the new year that will investigate making money from both the micro and macro aspects.

The first, a luncheon scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 15 at the Royal York Hotel, will feature Carl Beigie who will discuss Macro Economics — the Economics Outlook for 1987.

Beigie is director and chief economist of Dominion Securities Pitfield. He is also a professor in the faculty of management studies at the University of Toronto and a director of the Ontario Housing Corporation.

He has written extensively on Canadian, U.S. and international policy, with his most recent topics focusing on Canada-U.S. relations, inflation and the role of government.

The second item on the CCI agenda is a seminar with a micro aspect: Improving and Forecasting Cash Flow. It will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 21 from 1-4.30 p.m. at the Skyline Triumph Hotel.

Aimed at a more specialized audience that includes credit managers, creditors and those responsible for a corporation's treasury function, the seminar will deal with the interdependence of sales forecasts and cash budgets.

Henry Knight and John Robson will present the seminar. Knight is a partner of Coopers & Lybrand Consulting Group with responsibility for coordinating the firm's financial services and industry consulting practice. He has been involved in giving advice on and implementing ways of improving cash forecasting techniques.

Robson is executive director of the Cash Management Association of Canada, established to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas on cash management.

The Canadian Credit Institute is an educational organization founded in 1928 designed to enhance the efficiency and ability of those involved in credit management.

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